

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1543**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 13 February, 2025**

**SETTING UP OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE AT HAZIRA**

1543 SHRI PARSHOTTAMBHAI RUPALA:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made so far in respect of setting up of Emergency Response Centre at Hazira in Gujarat;
- (b) the time by which the work of the said centre is likely to be completed;
- (c) whether any communication has been made/proposed to be made with the State Government of Gujarat in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री  
(श्री सुरेश गोपी)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS**  
**(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(a) to (d) An Emergency Response Centre (ERC) was to be set-up by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) at Hazira in line with the recommendations of the MB Lal Committee in 2010, for which ONGC have given an in-principle approval of the project. The Oil and Gas Public Sector Undertakings, who had been entrusted with the setting up such ERCs have informed the Safety Council of Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD), a technical directorate under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, about limitations associated with the concept of ERC as better and cheaper alternatives have since become available during the intervening period. An industry committee has accordingly been constituted to examine the issue holistically and suggest suitable course of action. Report of the committee has not been received so far.