

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4175
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SUPPLY OF CRUDE OIL TO PUNJAB REFINERY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government had decided to set up a crude oil refinery in Punjab for refining oil recently discovered in Western Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, whether the Government of Rajasthan has threatened to block the pipeline to be laid for the proposed Refinery; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

- (a) M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited are setting up an oil refinery at Bathinda (Punjab). Crude inputs for the refinery are planned to be transported from Mundra port (Gujarat) through a cross-country pipeline.
- (b) & (c) The Company is not aware of any threat from the Government of Rajasthan to block the pipeline to be laid for the proposed Bathinda refinery.