

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

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NON-AVAILABILITY OF RAW WATER IN MANGALORE REFINERY AND PETROCHEMICALS LTD.

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

- (a) whether some units of Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd. have been closed down due to non-availability of raw water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for arranging raw water to revive these units?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Some units of Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) were shut down in April 2005 as water inflow to the refinery from the Netravati River was completely stopped. With the improvement of water supply from the river, these units were restarted in phases and normalcy was restored by 28 April, 2005.

(c) In order to overcome water shortages in the future, MRPL is exploring the following options:-

- (i) Construction of check dams in the natural water streams existing around the refinery.
- (ii) Construction of dams across other nearby rivers, such as Gurupur and Pavanje.
- (iii) Further maximisation of the effluent recycle by adopting newer technologies.