

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

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CREATION OF MEGA PLAYERS IN THE OIL SECTORS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is working on a blueprint for creating two mega players in the oil sector by merging State owned oil companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the decision of the merger of the oil companies will be taken keeping in view of the interest of common man and employees; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government on such merger move?

**Answer**

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

- (a): There is no formal proposal at present under consideration of the Government on merger of State owned oil companies.
- (b), (c) & (d): Do not arise.