

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

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SETTING UP OF R D CENTRE BY GAIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether GAIL (India) Limited is considering for setting up an Research and Development Centre for Air Pollution related diseases as reported in 'The Asian Age' dated May 31, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the role and functions of GAIL;
- (c) the cities in which these centres will be set up; and
- (d) the investment likely to be required on setting up of these centres?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a) & (b): The proposal for setting up an Research and Development Centre for Air Pollution related diseases is at preliminary stage.
- (c): GAIL is establishing Air Pollution Related Disease Diagnostic Centres (APRD-DCs) in 23 cities. In the first instance, only one APRD-DC centre is proposed to be utilized for research and data analysis.
- (d)As proposal is at initial stage, investments requirements have not been worked out.