

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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UNDERGROUND ROCK CAVERN AND CONCRETE FOR STORING CRUDE OIL

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

- (a) whether Government had proposed to build and maintain underground rock cavern and concrete tanks for storing 5 million tonnes of crude oil as a measure to strengthen energy security of the country;
- (b) the cost and locations of these tanks; and
- (c) the time by which the work is likely to be started?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Government propose to build strategic storage of crude oil for storing 5 million metric tonne. The proposed locations are Visakhapatnam, Mangalore and another location near Mangalore. The estimated capital cost of the project is around Rs. 1650 crore. In addition, the cost of crude would be around Rs 5000 crore. The project is at an initial stage and the proposed storage is likely to come up in the next four years.