

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

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PETROLEUM REFINING CAPACITY IN PUBLIC SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present petroleum refining capacity in the public sector;
- (b) how much petroleum refining capacity has been increased during 2003-2004;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to further increase its petroleum refining capacity;
- (d) if so, the details of the plan in this regard; and;
- (e) the total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

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

- (a): The refining capacity of the Oil Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) as on 31.3.2004 was 92.968 million metric tones per annum (MMTPA).
- (b): The petroleum refining capacity of the Oil PSUs has increased by 2.3 MMTPA during the year 2003-2004.
- (c)to(e): The Oil PSUs have plans of expanding the installed capacity of their existing refineries by 19.33 MMTPA at a cost of Rs.13223 crore. Besides four grass root refineries with a total installed capacity of 31 MMTPA are also planned by the Oil PSUs for which an allocation of Rs.6247.11 crore has been made by them for the Tenth Plan period.