

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the closure of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) at Narimanam, Nagapattinam District in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the closure; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to reopen it ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (c): There is no closure of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd.'s (CPCL's) Cauvery Basin refinery unit at Narimanam, Nagapattinam. The unit was, however, under shutdown from 11.5.2011 to 3.6.2011 due to non-availability of suitable ships which could meet both the KG basin platform and Cauvery Basin oil jetty requirements to bring crude oil. The unit has been restarted on 4.6.2011 and is presently in operation. The shutdown period was utilized to carry out maintenance jobs of the unit, which were otherwise scheduled for September, 2011.