

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN BELTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop green belts around refineries for mitigating pollution;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the success achieved by the Government so far;
- (c) whether the Government has made any survey to find out the estimated expenditure to be incurred on this initiative; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) and (b): Tree plantations in and around refineries and development of green belts/ ecological parks are significant features of all Indian refineries. Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, while issuing Environment Clearances for projects/expansion of refineries specifically mandate for provision of green belt development of adequate width and density to mitigate the effects of fugitive emissions in consultation with local District Forest Officers. Tree plantation is also carried out and green belts are developed around the periphery of Refineries/major installation as per the conditions stipulated in Environment Clearance.

All the refineries in the country strictly comply with the conditions of Environmental Clearances with regard to the Greenbelts.

(c) and (d): The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has not made any such survey so far.