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**Title: Need for early completion of Paradeep Oil Refinery Project in Orissa – Laid.**

**SHRI TRILOCHAN KANUNGO (JAGATSINGHPUR) :** It has become a matter of serious concern for the people of Orissa that in the year 2000 the Hon. Prime Minister alongwith other Ministers has boldly declared that Paradeep Oil Refinery would start production by December, 2003. For more than six months now, the work has come to a grinding halt.

Paradeep Oil Refinery was conceptualized in 1990 and was planned to be installed with the help of Kuwait. But after the Gulf War, Kuwait had withdrawn from the Project and thereafter Indian Oil Company decided to do it alone. Cabinet decision of Government of India was made in this regard and the foundation stone was laid, land acquisition was made and some infrastructure was also developed. But six months back suddenly the work was stopped.

I urge upon the Government of India to restart the work on was footing, so as to complete the project within a year time.