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Title: Need to expedite completion of oil refinery project at Paradeep, Orissa- Laid.

SHRI TRILOCHAN KANUNGO (JAGATSINGHPUR) : Paradeep Oil Refinery was approved by the Cabinet in 1998. The Hon'ble Prime Minister, laid the foundation stone of the Refinery at Paradeep and gave a clean and emphatic assurance to complete the project in all respects by March, 2003. However, only land has so far been acquired and some development of land has been done. The work has now come to a grinding halt or at least can be said to have been slowed down. I urge upon the Government of India, to expedite the process of execution done by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. to complete the work by March, 2004. People of Orissa are agitated by the slow down in the execution of the project and are apprehending that the project may be closed down. The Government of India must come out with a clear statement regarding the current status of the oil refinery project at Paradeep and re-schedule the programme for completing the project.