

**Setting up of refinery in Rajasthan**

†444. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue received by the Central Government since the commencement of oil production being done by Cairn Energy in the district of Barmer, Rajasthan and amount out of this revenue received by Rajasthan along with the heads under which it is allocated; and

(b) whether Government proposes to establish a refinery in the State of Rajasthan in view of oil reserve being found in the State and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Oil production in the block RJ-ON-90/1 of Cairn Energy in the Barmer District of Rajasthan started in the year 2009-10. Since then Profit Petroleum amounting to ₹ 16,063 crores has been received by the Central Government. The amount of profit petroleum received by the Central Government is appropriated under the revenue receipts of the Government of India. The State Government receives royalty on the oil produced.

(b) Government has accorded its approval on 20.09.2013 to the proposal of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) to set up nine MMTPA Refinery-cum Petrochemical Complex in Barmer district of Rajasthan, in collaboration with Government of Rajasthan, at an estimated cost of ₹ 37,229.00 crore with a construction time-frame of 48 months from receipt of all statutory clearances.

**Financial assistance to steel plants in A.P.**

445. SHRI C.M. RAMESH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial assistance extended to steel plants located in the State of Andhra Pradesh from Steel Development Fund (SDF) during last three years;

(b) whether assistance extended under this fund yielded desired results viz, improvement in productivity, rationalizing power consumption and environment friendly production of steel, etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) No financial assistance has been extended to any steel plant in the State of Andhra Pradesh from Steel Development Fund (SDF) during the last three years.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

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