

Setting up of world's largest refinery in Maharashtra

217. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is investing Rupees three lakh crores for linking gas grid in western India;
- (b) whether Government proposes to set up world's largest refinery in Maharashtra;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) how much amount Government has invested for setting up of the world's largest refinery in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) Oil PSUs namely Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have decided to set up an integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex with a refining capacity of 60 MMTPA (million metric tonnes per annum) at Babulwadi, Taluka Rajapur in Ratnagiri District in the state of Maharashtra.

A Joint Venture (JV) Company namely, Ratnagiri Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (RRPCL) has been formed by Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited. Saudi Aramco and ADNOC have also joined in as additional partners in this mega project. The JV plans to create 60 MMTPA Refinery cum Petrochemical complex, which shall be the largest of its kind in the world.

The authorized paid up capital of RRPCL is ₹ 400 crore, out of which ₹ 100 crore have been infused as initial paid up capital by the Indian Promoters.

Revision of freedom fighters pension

218. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the freedom fighters' pension is under revision, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of pensioners and dependants separately getting pension under the freedom fighter category, State-wise; and
- (c) the expenditure incurred by Government on this account?