

**Progress of setting up of Barmer refinery**

3626. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the road blocks in setting up of oil refinery at Barmer in Rajasthan by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have been removed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the revised expenditure likely to be incurred;
- (c) the ancillary industries that are likely to be set up near the refinery area; and
- (d) whether Government has an estimate on number of people likely to get employment, directly or indirectly after the refinery is made operational?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) and (b) HPCL has informed that there are no road blocks in setting up the 9 MMTPA Refinery-cum-petrochemical complex at an approved cost of ₹ 43,129 crore at Pachpadra in Barmer district of Rajasthan.

(c) In addition to Motor Spirit and Diesel, the Refinery envisages production of major products like Ethylene and Propylene derivatives. These derivatives are used as feedstock in various ancillary industries viz. packaging, textile, petrochemical industry etc.

(d) The Refinery project is likely to provide direct employment to about 1,500 skilled manpower and during construction stage, refinery is expected to generate indirect employment for about 30,000 persons.

**Fresh dealership of petrol pumps/gas agencies**

3627. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to issue fresh dealership of petrol pumps/gas agencies in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;