

new employees through EPFO w.e.f. 01.04.2018. The terminal date for registration of beneficiary through establishment was 31st March, 2019. The beneficiaries registered upto 31st March, 2019 will continue to receive the benefits for 3 years from the date of registration under the scheme. As on 14th September, 2020, 1.21 crore beneficiaries have been benefitted through 1.52 lakh establishments.

Government has also implemented the National Career Service (NCS) Project as a Mission Mode Project for transformation of the National Employment Service to provide a variety of employment related services like job matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, apprenticeship, internships, etc.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojna (PMGKY) launched in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Government of India is contributing both 12% employer's share and 12% employee's share under Employees Provident Fund (EPF), totalling 24% of the wage for the wage month from March to August, 2020 for all the establishments having upto 100 employees with 90% of such employees earning less than ₹ 15000/-.

Statutory PF contribution of both employer and employee has been reduced to 10% each from existing 12% each for all establishments covered by EPFO, for three months.

The above initiatives are in addition to various employment generation schemes being implemented by other sectoral Ministries and Departments.

Projects in oil and gas sector

444. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 8,363 projects worth ₹5.88 lakh crore have been initiated in the oil and gas sector since 20th April, 2020 in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of offshore projects and international ventures in this sector;

(c) the details of oil and gas sector projects currently ongoing in State of Maharashtra indicating the current status thereof; and

(d) how much employment will be generated through this projects over the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Oil and gas CPSEs and their Joint Ventures/subsidiaries have started/resumed over 8000 economic activities/projects, progressively since 20.04.2020. These include projects and activities in upstream, midstream and downstream sector. The State-wise breakup of major ongoing projects of oil and gas CPSEs/JVs including offshore projects is given in Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) There are a total of 744 ongoing projects costing ₹ 39,496 crore which are being implemented in the State of Maharashtra. These 8000 projects in general make available employment opportunities in direct as well as indirect forms during the construction and operational phase.

Statement

List of major ongoing projects of oil and gas CPSEs/JVs resumed since 20.4.2020

Sl. No.	Name of project	Company	State
1.	Rajasthan Refinery and Petrochemical Limited	HRRL	Rajasthan & Gujarat
2.	Visakh Refinery Modernisation	HPCL	Andhra Pradesh
3.	Poly Addition Project	HMEL	Punjab
4.	Barauni Refinery Capacity Expansion	IOCL	Bihar
5.	Ennore - Thiruvallur - Bengaluru - Puducherry -Nagapattinam - Madurai - Tuticorin Natural Gas Pipeline	IOCL	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu & Puducherry
6.	Kochi-Koottanad-Bangalore-Mangalore Project	GAIL	Karnataka, Kerala & Tamil Nadu
7.	Ethylene Glycol Project at Paradip Refinery	IOCL	Odisha
8.	Propylene Derivative Petrochemical Project, Kochi	BPCL	Kerala

Sl. No.	Name of project	Company	State
9.	Mumbai Refinery Expansion Project	HPCL	Maharashtra
10.	30" Crude Oil Pipeline in H-B section of PHBPL and Conversion of existing 18" twin pipelines in H-B section from Crude to Product and Gas	IOCL	Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Odisha
11.	Paradip - Hyderabad Pipeline	IOCL	Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, & Telangana
12.	Motor Spirit Block Project at Kochi Refinery	BPCL	Kerala
13.	Exploratory Drilling in Western Offshore Basin-SW	ONGC	Western Offshore
14.	Dobhi-Durgapur Pipeline Project (Section 2 B)	GAIL	Bihar, Jharkhand, & West Bengal
15.	Mumbai High South Redevelopment Phase-IV	ONGC	Western Offshore
16.	Life Extension of well platforms	ONGC	Western Offshore
17.	BS VI Project	CPCL	Tamil Nadu
18.	BS VI Project	MRPL	Karnataka
19.	2 G Ethanol plant (Bio Refinery), Assam	NRL	Assam
20.	NCU(Phase-I) expansion along with revamp of MEG & BEU unit and C2-C3 at Panipat Refinery	IOCL	Haryana
21.	Development Drilling in Mumbai High Asset	ONGC	Western Offshore
22.	Development Drilling in Neelam & Heera Asset	ONGC	Western Offshore
23.	Infrastructure facilities at Gujarat Refinery and Dumad for Koyali-Ahmednagar-Solapur Pipeline	IOCL	Gujarat

Sl. No	Name of project	Company	State
24.	LPG Import Facility at Paradip	IOCL	Odisha
25.	Development of Surface Facilities for Production and Evacuation of Crude Oil and Natural Gas from Nadua and East Khagorijan	OIL	Assam

Oil well fires

445. SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY:
SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of fires occurred in the oil wells in the country during the last three years, details thereof;
- (b) whether any enquiry is ordered into the fire at Tinsukia oil well in Assam owned by Oil India Ltd.;
- (c) if so, the findings of the preliminary enquiry;
- (d) whether any damage is caused to the wetland nearby oil fields, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the loss of revenue to the company due to oil fire; and
- (f) the steps taken to ensure plugging leakage and control the pressure effectively, to prevent such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Number of fires occurred in oil well installations in the last three years reported to Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD), are given below:—

Sector	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number	01	03	00
Location	Well Hapjan-28, Hapjan, Assam	1. NKH 640 & 637 under OCS-4, Assam 2. Cambay 57, well site 3. ONGC workover rig, Akash# 4. Ahmedabad	Nil