

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 295
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd February, 2021

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVES PROGRAMME

295. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that UAE and Saudi Arabia have shown keen interest to participate in India's strategic petroleum reserves programme Phase-II;
- (b) the details of underground and over-ground caverns in the country with their capacity;
- (c) whether the Ministry has identified places to store petroleum reserves;
- (d) if so, whether Visakhapatnam from Andhra Pradesh has been chosen for this purpose; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA
PRADHAN)

(a) : Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), UAE and Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia have shown interest in participating in India's Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) programme, including in the Phase-II programme.

(b) to (e): ISPRL has established SPR facilities with total capacity of 5.33 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) at 3 locations, namely (i) Vishakhapatnam (1.33 MMT), (ii) Mangaluru (1.5 MMT) and (iii) Padur (2.5 MMT). Government has given 'in principle' approval in 2018 for establishing two additional SPR facilities with total storage capacity of 6.5 MMT at two locations namely (i) Chandikhol in Odisha (4 MMT) and (ii) Padur in Karnataka (2.5 MMT).
