### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3655 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

#### Projects in oil and gas sectors to boost economic activities

#### 3655. Dr. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

Will the Minister of *Petroleum and Natural Gas* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether oil and gas sectors have started a large number of projects to boost economic activities in the country, if so, the details thereof and the number of mandays of employment likely to be generated from these projects; and
- (b) the details of investments likely to be involved in such various projects and the extent to which operation of these projects will turn crisis into an opportunity in the country's economy and employment?

#### **ANSWER**

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam, Oil & gas CPSEs and their Joint Ventures/subsidiaries are implementing over 7500 economic activities/projects as of March 2022. These include projects and activities in upstream oil and gas exploration and production, drilling/survey activities, oil refining, Bio Refineries, gas pipelines infrastructure for connecting national gas grid, city gas distribution networks in the newly authorized geographical areas and LNG terminals, Marketing infrastructure projects, compressed bio-gas plants, capacity addition of refineries, fertilizer plants and petro-chemical units. These projects, in general, make available employment opportunities in direct as well as indirect forms, during the construction and operational phase. Oil & Gas sector, with its backward and forward linkages, is a key driver of economic growth and, therefore, these projects involving substantial investments will provide boost to the national economy as well as provide employment opportunities to the people of our country.

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