

Reply to Parliament Question No 1231 for 03.02.2025 for Rajya Sabha regarding “Litigations involving Oil PSUs” in respect of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL):

Q no. (a): whether a large no. of registered cases are ongoing in various courts involving Oil PSUs, the details;

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[Yes, there are various registered cases are going in various courts involving NRL.]

Q no. (b): if so, the details thereof including the total number of litigations pending under respective PSUs as of 31st March 2024;

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[Number of pending litigations under NRL as of 31st March 2024 is 71 (excluding Arbitration).]

Q no. (c): the details of the nature of these litigations;

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[The details of the nature of these litigations are pertaining to Writ Petitions, Criminal Case, Complaint Case, Appeal in Supreme Court, Appeal in High Courts, Money Suit, Title / Civil in Lower Court, Money Suit, LA Reference Case, MACT, Consumer Court, MSE Facilitation Council]

Q no. (d): the details of the amount spent on the litigations involving oil PSUs, PSU-wise;

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[Total expenditure incurred against 71 cases till 31.03.2024 is around 2.13 crore.]

Q no. (e): whether any measures have been taken to ensure speedy settling up of such cases and if so, the details thereof; and

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[Following measures were taken to ensure speedy settling up of pending litigations:

- A. Instructed the dealing advocate to avoid adjournments.
- B. Petitions filed before High Court and Supreme Court for Speedy disposal of the matter pending u/s 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996

In the matter of M/s Amkap Marketing Pvt. Ltd Vs NRL, NRL filed petitions before Gauhati High Court by filing WP (C) 5616/2021 and Supreme Court by filing SLP (C) 50253/2024 for Speedy disposal of the matter pending u/s 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996.]

Q no. (f): **whether any such cases have been solved through out-of-court settlement and if so, the details thereof?**

Reply: Ministry to reply.

[No such cases have been solved through out of court settlement.]

Note for Supplementary:

Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) is a Public Sector Enterprise with a 3.0 MMTPA petroleum refinery at Numaligarh in Golaghat district of Assam. Present shareholding pattern of NRL is Oil India Limited (OIL) – 69.63%, Govt. of Assam (GoA) – 26% and Engineers India Ltd (EIL) – 4.37%.
