

Reply to Parliament Question No U1709 for 10.02.2025 for Rajya Sabha regarding “Appointment of Independent Directors” in respect of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL):

Q No. (a) the number of Independent Directors appointed in the Petroleum Sector Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the last 5 years;

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[7 (Seven) Independent Directors have been appointed in NRL in the last 5 years.]

Q No. (b) date – wise and company wise details of Independent Directors appointed;

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[Independent Directors appointed in the Company during the last 5 years are as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of Independent Directors	Period
1.	Shri Raj Kumar Sharma	From 31 st Jan,2017 to 31 st Jan,2020
2.	Smt Sneh Lata Kumari	From 8 th Sept,2017 to 7 th Sept,2020
3.	Dr. Sylvanus Lamare	From 12 th July,2019 to 11 th July,2022
4.	Shri Jaswant Singh Saini	From 29 th Nov,2019 to 26 th March 2022
5.	Shri Gagann Jain	From 28 th July,2021 to 11 th July,2022
6.	Shri Sudip Pradhan	From 18 th Nov,2021 to 7 th Nov,2024
7.	Smt. Priyambada Kumari Keshri	From 18 th Nov,2021 to 7 th Nov,2024

Q No. (c) the amount of honorarium and other facilities given to these Directors during these 5 years;

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[The details of Honorarium and other facilities provided to these directors at NRL during last five years are given below –

- Sitting fee is paid to the Independent Directors @Rs.40,000/- per meeting for Board & Audit Committee Meetings and @Rs.20,000/- per meeting for other sub-Committees of the Board.
- No other facility except for travel and accommodation for attending meetings of Board and Sub-Committees and while on official visits provided.
- Details of Sitting Fee paid during last 5 years:

Sl. No.	Name	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Shri Raj Kumar Sharma	7,20,000/-	-	-	-	-
2.	Smt. Sneh Lata Kumari	8,00,000/-	3,80,000/-	-	-	-
3.	Dr. Sylvanus Lamare	2,40,000/-	9,60,000/-	12,20,000/-	5,40,000/-	

4.	Shri Jashwant Singh Saini	80,000/-	6,20,000/-	9,40,000/-	--	-
5.	Shri Gagann Jain	-	-	6,20,000/-	4,80,000/-	-
6.	Shri Sudip Pradhan	-	-	2,60,000/-	12,20,000/-	1,460,000/-
7.	Smt. Priyambada Kumari Keshri	-	-	2,60,000/-	12,20,000/-	1,440,000/-

Q No. (d) whether it is a fact that the expenditure of petroleum companies have increased due to these Independent Directors and same is being compensated by increasing price of Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene; and

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[Prices of Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene is linked to international prices of these products and is independent of expenditure of the company]

Q No. (e) whether Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs has pointed out towards a lack of independence in selection of independent directors?

Reply: Ministry to reply.

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%.

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