

Reply to Parliament Question for Rajya Sabha for 19.12.2024 regarding “Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan” in respect of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL):

Q no. (a): the achievement of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan in supporting economic recovery post-COVID -19;

Reply: Ministry to reply.

[NRL has always encouraged Local Entrepreneurs and the MII initiatives initiated by the Govt Of India through its various activities as enumerated below –

1. Global Tendering in total abeyance up to Rs. 200 Cr.
2. Indigenous Tender / EOI floated to obtain feedback from Local Market prior to applying for GTE relaxation in special cases.
3. GeM adopted as the principal portal for floating enquiries both for procurement and services thereby ensuring 100% participation by Indian Bidders only.
4. 100% compliance to the Govt Policy on doing business with countries sharing Land Boundary with India.
5. Purchase Preference linked to Local Content strictly complied cutting across all types of procurements – Services and Goods.
6. MSE Policy strictly adhered to with special emphasis on increasing procurement from SC/ST & Women Entrepreneurs.
7. Items reserved for MSE sector exclusively treated with special tender condition as required.
8. PQC and Financial Turnover criteria waived off in case of MSE and Start up wherever applicable.
9. Start-up Promotion Initiative with separate fund management for the same. Virtual Start up Summit “NRL IDEATION” conducted for a review of all the start-ups funded by NRL.
10. Policy for providing Preference to Domestically Manufactured Iron and Steel Products 100% complied in case of related procurements.
11. Theme Based Webinars/ on-line meet on GeM Registration / Udyam Registration / Special Women Entrepreneurs Meet / GST & Related Compliance Meet / Business Area Wise Meet/ Transparency and Tendering Procedure meet etc conducted on regular basis with our Business Partners on a sustained manner.
12. Special initiative taken for engaging Local and Numaligarh Refinery Expansion Project (NREP) Contractors across the table discussion.
13. Special initiative taken to extend Contractual Delivery date without levying Liquidated Damage or Price Reduction Clause specially to MSE related to Covid pandemic situation.
14. Cash Flow and Payment administration for all vendors in a timely manner. Milestone based Payment Terms considered as per requirement.
15. MSE Vendor Payment strictly ensured within 45 days.
16. EMD NIL for all tenders for MSEs.
17. PBG and Security reduced to 3% up to 31.03.23 as per Govt guideline.

18. With a view to increasing our Indigenous Vendor Base “SYNERGY INITIATIVE” undertaken along with our principals M/s. OIL in different areas of our business domain.
19. All COVID related equipment and steps to upgrade / renovate health units and hospitals, done by procuring material only from parties based in India. A CSR initiative with special emphasis on Health and Hygiene undertaken.
20. Procurement related to NREP where for Indian Bidders may not be available for specialized equipment, done only after due detail diligence and obtaining permission from CHT / Ministry as applicable.
21. Empanelment of Vendors for Civil Nature of Jobs done with focussed efforts towards involving Local Parties.
22. NRL through its various CSR and Business Initiatives has been continuously pursuing development of the neighbourhood and self-employment and livelihood generation of the nearby populace.

The above efforts and outcomes towards the sustenance and growth of numerous indigenous stakeholders have greatly contributed to economic recovery post-COVID -19 and is a direct outcome of Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan and its guiding spirit. Atma Nirbhar has been and will always be our guiding principle in all our business transactions and in relation with our esteemed business partners, towards self-reliance of our nation.

Achievements:

1. Local manufacturers and service sectors benefitted.
2. Ensured complete sourcing of indigenous goods and services where available.
3. Encourage creation of new entrepreneur in manufacturing and service as seen in the increase in vendor base.
4. Refinery production was not hampered during COVID-19 period and subsequent periods due to greater reliance on local suppliers.

Q no. (b): the specific sector benefitted most from this initiative;

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[The specific sector benefitted most from this initiative w.r.t. NRL is as follows:

1. Steel Sector, since 50% local content in compulsory.
2. Service sector.
3. Make in India items.]

Q no. (c): future plans to further support self-reliance in key industries

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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%.