

Reply to Parliament Question No 6128 for 21.03.2025 for Rajya Sabha regarding “Dependence on China for Critical Components” in respect of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL):

Q no. (a): Why has the government failed to reduce dependence on China for critical heavy industry components, despite repeated claims of Atmanirbhar Bharat?

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[NRL has not imported critical heavy industry components from China. However, for NRL’s JV project – ABEPL, 2G Ethanol project, due to limited vendors and new technology in many packages / equipment (Digester and Washing Package) were imported from China.]

Q no. (b): What specific measures have been taken to promote domestic production to reduce reliance on Chinese imports;

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[For the JV project – 2G Ethanol project, the project faced constraint due to non availability of Washing Package Vendor (HMEI, China) representative (due to visa restriction) for supervising erection and commissioning activities. However, the issue was resolved through available technical manpower having experience in similar equipment are being sourced from Chennai.]

Q no. (c): Are there any plans to establish a dedicated task force or agency to oversee the development of domestic industries and reduce reliance on Chinese imports?

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%.
