

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble MoS (I/C), MoP&NG presents
“Oil Industry Safety Awards” for the year 2014-15

The prestigious 'Oil Industry Safety Awards' for the year 2014-15 were presented by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas in the presence of Secretary, P&NG and Chairman Safety Council, on 29th November, 2016 at SCOPE Auditorium, New Delhi.



Lighting of lamps by Hon'ble MoS (I/c), P&NG, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan at the Awards ceremony – Also seen in pic JS(R), P&NG and ED OISD

These awards were conferred upon Organisations as well as individuals who made exemplary contribution towards enhancing safety in their respective areas of Operations. Secretary, P&NG, Shri K D Tripathi, Additional Secretary, P&NG, Shri Ajay Prakash Sawhney, Joint Secretary (Refineries), P&NG, Shri Sandeep Poundrik, ED-OISD, Shri V J Rao and captains of Oil & Gas industry Organisations were present in the award ceremony organised by Oil Industry Safety Directorate.



Committed towards the cause of Safety in Oil & Gas Industry – Hon'ble MoS (I/c), P&NG, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan with his team from Ministry at the Awards Function in New Delhi

In all, 30 Numbers of awards were presented of which 10 awards were given to Individuals and 20 were presented to the Organizations. Under the 'Individual Safety Awards Category' employees who made exemplary contribution towards the cause of safety in avoiding unsafe situation at their respective work places which otherwise could have resulted in a major incident were conferred with a cash awards and a certificate of appreciation for their efforts. In the "Organization Category", all the organizations demonstrating superior Process Safety performances were conferred with the awards.



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 6



Picture 3



Picture 4



Picture 5

In Pics (1 to 6 above) - Some of the winning entities receiving the Award from Hon'ble Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

To encourage outstanding safety performance of the industry and to inculcate a positive culture of competitiveness among the industry members, these awards were instituted by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, in the year 1987. Every year, the Organizations achieving 'Exceptional Safety Performance' and Individuals making significant contributions towards the cause of safety are presented with these awards.

Annual evaluation of Safety Performance of the Industry Members is done by a specially developed methodology, which takes cognizance of hazards associated, incident recorded during the year and safety management system of the installation. Organizations, achieving 'exceptional safety performance' during the year, are awarded with the Oil Industry safety Awards. In addition, individuals making exceptional contributions towards the cause of safety in their respective installations are also encouraged and presented with such awards.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, in his address, while congratulating the 'Award Winners', hoped that these recognitions will surely set the right kind of examples for the cause of safety and motivate everybody to inculcate a culture of safe & secure practices in their respective field of

operation. While complementing the entire Oil & Gas industry for its stellar contribution for the growth of the nation, Shri Pradhan expressed that such awards are just a miniscule recognition against the kinds of efforts being put by the Industry at large.

Shri Pradhan, while making mention of his personal experience gathered during his visits to various Oil & Gas Installations in the country, observed that today there is marked improvement in Safety Preparedness Levels in this highly hazardous Industry segment, however, since Safety is a continuous process, we must not let our guard down on this front even for a moment. We must continually strive to make our Oil & Gas Installations as world class when it comes to safety. He went on to add that any amount of drop of guard on this front in any of our Installation can tarnish the image of the Industry as a whole.



Hon'ble MoS(Ic), P&NG, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan addressing the audience after conferment of the Awards

While highlighting the safety and environmental hazards associated with this complex Industry handling hydrocarbons at very high pressure and temperature, Shri K D Tripathi, Secretary, P&NG and Chairman Safety Council, stressed upon the adoption of best Industry practices for effective mitigation of such hazards at all our Oil & Gas Installations in the country.

Shri Ajay Prakash Sawhney, Addl. Secretary, P&NG, while expressing his satisfaction about then implementation status of M B Lal committee recommendations by the Industry, urged the

Industry to now prepare for level two. He expressed his hope that with the kind of knowhow and expertize available with the Industry today; we must be able to plan for any eventuality without actually waiting for it.

Shri Sandeep Poundrik, Joint Secretary (Refineries), P&NG in his address, while emphasizing upon the need for preventive measures for avoiding recurrence of similar incidents, stressed upon the importance of need to learn from the incidents happening elsewhere across the Industry. While quoting a famous saying that "Good judgment comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgment.", he went on to add that we must use the experience from bad judgment taken by others in making good judgment for ourselves.

Earlier while welcoming the dignitaries Shri V J Rao, Executive Director, OISD shared that for the fourth consecutive years, the numbers of 'Onsite' Major incidents show a declining trend, which is a positive development and indicative of enhanced safety awareness levels at our Installations. However, to achieve our ultimate objective of 'Zero Incidents' we cannot afford to be complacent and we must continually strive for excellence to make our installations the safest place to work.

While discussing about the analysis of the incidents carried out by OISD, Shri Rao expressed his concerns about fatality of workers particularly the fatality of the contract workers in all such incidents. This trend needs to be arrested forthwith. We must focus on improving the quality of training programs being imparted to the contract workers. Attention must shift on effectiveness of the programs rather than on the numbers covered.

Shri Tarsem Singh, Director (E&P), OISD proposed the vote of thanks.