

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF CRUDE OIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the production of crude oil in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the production of crude oil has declined during the current year;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken to boost production of crude oil?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) : Production of crude oil in the country during the last three years was as follows :

Year	Production in million metric tonne (MMT)
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2000-01	32.42
2001-02	32.03
2002-03	33.05

(b) & (c) : As compared to the production of oil during the 1st quarter of 2002-03, there has been a shortfall of about 2% in production during the 1st quarter of the current financial year, 2003-04, which was mainly due to the planned shut down in the Mumbai High in connection with Redevelopment of Mumbai High field of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC).

(d) : Several important steps have been taken to increase oil and gas production, which include the following :

(i) to improve the recovery factor from existing major fields by implementing Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) schemes; in particular Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has taken up 15 fields for this purpose at an estimated investment of Rs. 10,000 crore, which would also help in accelerating oil production from these fields.

(ii) to increase exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP); Under the three rounds of NELP, Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) have been signed for 70 blocks.

(iii) to explore in new areas, especially in deep water and difficult frontier areas, as also explore in the deeper layers of the producing fields.

(iv) to develop faster the newly discovered fields and to step up the use of new technologies for seismic surveys, work over, stimulation operations, drilling of wells etc. in producing areas.

(v) to acquire acreages abroad.