

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF OIL AND GAS FROM IRAQ
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to import crude oil and natural gas from Iraq;
- (b) whether Govt. have carried out any negotiation with Iraq in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of Petroleum products imported from Iraq during the last one year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (d):During 2002-03, 4.166 million metric tonne (MMT) of crude oil was imported in the country from Iraq .

During 2003-04, IOC has signed contract withM/s. SOMO, National Oil Company of Iraq, for supply of about 0.75 MMT of crude oi from October, 2003 to December, 2003. BPCL and HPCL also propose to enter into term contract with M/s. SOMO for supply of crude oil during 2003-04.