

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:509  
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PIPELINE PROJECT FOR SAKHALIN OIL-FIELD  
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether ONGC Videsh has approached the Government to approve of a 700 KM pipeline for its Sakhalin Oil-field project;
- (b) if so, details of this proposal;
- (c) whether the Government has made any efforts to study the extent of high involvement by an Indian PSU in distant lands;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to restrict ONGC Videsh for Oil production in Sakhalin only; and
- (e) if so, the steps proposed to study the need for ONGC to get into diverse non-oil production activity in distant lands?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : No, Sir.
- (b) : Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.
- (c) : India Hydrocarbon Vision-2025 (IHV-2025) has identified focus areas for major sourcing of equity oil, which include Iran, Iraq, North Africa and Russia. ONGC-Videsh Limited (OVL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), has been scouting for opportunities abroad as per IHV-2025.
- (d) : No, Sir.
- (e) : Does not arise in view of the reply to (d) above.