

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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) whether production of crude oil and other petroleum products in the country has not been increased during the last three-four years as against the investment made in this sector;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of crude oil and other petroleum products in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) : Production of crude oil and other petroleum products in the country for the last four years are given as under :

(Qty. in MMT)

Year	Crude Oil	Products
2001-02	32.03	104.3
2002-03	33.04	108.7
2003-04	33.37	117.6
2004-05	33.90	122.7

The details of the investment made during last four years is being collected.

(b) : Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) : Various measures are being taken to substantially accelerate exploratory activities for enhancing domestic oil and gas production. These measures include the following:-

(i) increasing exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP); Under NELP, 108 exploration blocks have been awarded to National Oil Companies, foreign companies and private/joint venture companies through the International Competitive Bidding process. This includes 18 Exploration Blocks recently awarded in the fifth round of NELP;

(ii) improving 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 Ltd.(ONGC) have taken up 15 fields for this purpose at an estimated investment of Rs. 10,972 crore, which would also help in accelerating oil production from these fields;

(iii) exploring new areas, especially in deep waters and difficult frontier areas, as also the deeper layers of already producing fields; and

(iv) developing newly discovered fields speedily and stepping up the use of new technologies for seismic surveys, work over, stimulation operations, drilling of wells etc. in producing areas;

The refining capacity to produce petroleum products which was 127 MMT as on 1.4.2005 is expected to increase to 138 MMT by next year.