

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

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SELF- SUFFICIENCY IN OIL SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any road map has been prepared to make the country self-sufficient in oil sector in the near future; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): India is self-sufficient in the Refining sector and has also developed the requisite marketing infrastructure to meet the indigenous demand of petroleum products. The refining capacity is in excess of indigenous demand and the surplus quantity is being exported. The indigenous production of crude oil has not kept pace with the growth in demand of petroleum products. However, the following measures have been taken to accelerate hydrocarbon exploration and production activities in the country to meet the growing demand:

1. Accelerate exploration activities through New Exploration Licensing Policy.
2. Enhancement of domestic production through Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) techniques.
3. Fast track development of discoveries/ reserves for early commencement of production.
4. Use of stimulation techniques for increasing production from existing fields.
5. Acquisition of exploration acreages and producing properties abroad to bring equity oil.
6. Arresting decline from ageing fields.
7. Substitution of oil through use of non-conventional sources of energy such as bio diesel, ethanol, etc.