

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

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PROFIT OF INDIAN OIL CORPORATION

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

- (a) whether the oil companies have been benefited due to the strengthening of rupees vis-À-vis dollars in the country;
- (b) if so, the financial profit that accrued to the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) under this head in the first quarter of year 2007-08; and
- (c) the percentage of the said profit out of the total profit earned by the company during the said period?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Oil Marketing Companies (IOC, HPC and BPC) have benefited due to strengthening of the rupee vis-À-vis dollar as they import crude oil for refining. However, Oil and Gas producing companies (ONGC, OIL and GAIL) have not benefited.
- (b) During the first quarter of 2007-08, the exchange variation gain net of exchange variation on crude liabilities for Indian Oil Corporation is Rs.726 crore.
- (c) The exchange variation gain of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. works out to 34.55% of the Profit Before Tax reported by it for the first quarter of 2007-08.