

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

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SAVINGS AND EXTRAVAGANCE OF PSUs

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

(a) whether the gas and oil undertakings under this Ministry are indulging in extravagance and as a result of it these undertakings are increasing the prices of oil and gas products thereby passing the burden on the public;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry into the matters relating to savings and extravagance in those undertakings and the number of cases came to the notice of the Government where carelessness has been observed in the matters of economy and savings in the working of these undertakings;

(d) the expenditure incurred on the administrative expenses of the IOC, GAIL and ONGC headquarters during the last three years; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check extravagance in the ONGC?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The PSU oil and gas companies under the administrative control of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas have been granted Navratna or Miniratna status by the Government. As a result, the powers to incur administrative expenditure are exercised by the competent authority of the respective companies. PSU oil and gas companies have informed that there is no extravagance in their administrative expenditure and strict controls are exercised by the companies in incurring any expenditure.

(c) to (e): The government keeps reviewing the functioning of PSU oil and gas companies including ONGC inter alia through quarterly performance reviews and through the government nominees on their Board of Directors. Expenditure incurred on administrative expenses of IOC, GAIL and ONGC headquarters during the last three years was as under:

(Rs. Crore)
2004-05 2005-06 2006-07

IOC 56.99 54.74 54.53
GAIL 177.00 128.00 115.00
ONGC 313.61 360.48 384.15