

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

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

- (a) whether the production of crude oil and natural gas is almost stagnant during the current Plan period;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether the Government has projected higher production of crude oil and natural gas in the Eleventh Plan period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to attain the projection made?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : The oil production in the country during the X Plan period (2002-03 to 2006-07) ranged between 33.043 MMT (actual) in 2002-03 to 35.200 MMT (BE) in 2006-07. The gas production during this period has been 31.394 BCM in 2002-03 and 31.061 BCM (BE) in 2006-07.

The main reasons for the near stagnation in production of oil and gas are as follows :-

The major oil/gas producing fields of ONGC and OIL are old and in natural declining phase after attaining plateau period.

No new major discoveries have been made during the last few years to offset the natural decline.

(c): The Government proposes to fix higher targets in the XI Plan.

(d) & (e) : Do not arise in view of (c) above.