

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:119

ANSWERED ON:04.03.2010

CRUDE OIL

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

- (a) whether a large chunk of crude oil requirement is met through imports;
- (b) if so, the quantum of crude oil/natural gas imported during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the production of crude oil, of late, has stagnated in the country;
- (d) if so, the details of production of crude oil during the last three years; and
- (e) the steps being taken to accelerate the oil exploration activities and production of crude oil in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 119 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2010 REG. CRUDE OIL.

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The details of quantum of crude oil/natural gas imported during the last three years are as under:

Year	Crude Oil (MMT)	Natural Gas (MMT)
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2008-09	132.8	7.958
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2007-08	121.7	8.249
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2006-07	111.5	6.811
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MMT- Million Metric Tonne

(c) & (d) The details of domestic production of crude oil during the last three years are as under:

Year	Crude Oil (MMT)
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2008-09	33.504
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2007-08	34.125
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2006-07	33.988
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(e) Several measures have been taken to accelerate the oil exploration activities and the production of crude oil in the country. Some of these measures are as under:

(i) Carving out more areas for exploration for offer under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP)/Coal Bed Methane (CBM).

(ii) Quicker development of discovered reserves for enabling commencement of production.

(iii) Use of stimulation techniques for increasing production from existing fields.

(iv) Application of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) techniques for increasing recovery factor from existing fields.

(v) Arresting decline from ageing fields.