

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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ANSWERED ON
IMPORT OF CRUDE OIL .

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Will the Minister of COAL, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that India meets about 80 per cent of its crude oil requirement through imports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the production of crude oil has stagnated recently;
- (d) if so, what are the details of crude oil production during the last three years; and
- (e) what steps are being taken to accelerate the oil exploration activities and crude oil production in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. During 2008-09, out of the total refinery throughput of 160.7 MMT (Million Metric Tonne), the country imported 131.9 MMT, i.e. about 82% of the total throughput requirement.

(c) & (d) Details of crude oil production in the country during last three years are as below: Year Crude oil Production (Million Metric Tonne) 2006-07 33.988 2007-08 34.125 2008-09 33.504

(e) Several measures have been taken to accelerate hydrocarbon exploration and production activities to meet our maximum requirement from indigenous sources, which include the following:

- i) Carving out more and 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.