

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1833
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 22/12/2022

INDIA-RUSSIA RELATIONS

1833. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of bilateral agreements entered into with Russia since the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine war;
- (b) agreements made and the mutual benefits arising from these agreements;
- (c) whether the US has registered any protest against India for purchasing crude and natural gas from Russia; and
- (d) whether Russia would provide India with the petroleum products/crude oil at a price lower than the price rate of OPEC countries, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. MEENAKASHI LEKHI)

- (a) No inter-governmental agreement has been signed with Russia in 2022.
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Government of India is regularly engaged with the Government of the U.S.A. on a wide range of issues, including India's energy security.
- (d) Import of Crude is carried out by Indian Oil and Refining Companies in public and private sector from diverse sources through business to business arrangements, based on techno-commercial considerations and domestic requirements. Oil PSUs have diversified their petroleum basket and are procuring crude from countries located at various geographical locations viz. Middle East, Eurasia, North America, South America etc.

Government of India is taking all the steps, to ensure security of crude supplies and mitigate the risk of dependence on crude oil on a single region.
