

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2685
 ANSWERED ON- 16/03/2026

IMPORT OF BITUMEN

2685 SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:
 SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:
 SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

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

- (a) the details of the quantity and value of bitumen imported into the country since 2015-16, along with the country-wise sources of such imports year-wise;
 (b) the details of domestic production and total domestic consumption of bitumen during the same period and the percentage share of imports in total domestic consumption year-wise; and
 (c) whether Government has assessed the adequacy of domestic bitumen production capacity in meeting the demand arising from national highway and infrastructure development programmes and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
 (SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) & (b): The details of bitumen imports, production and consumption are given below:

Financial Year	Bitumen Imports (TMT)	Bitumen Consumption (TMT)	Bitumen Production (TMT)	% share of Imports in Consumption
2015-16	879.01	5937.90	5157.28	14.80
2016-17	950.75	5935.40	5185.38	16.02
2017-18	950.25	6085.85	5267.51	15.61
2018-19	877.30	6707.60	5563.90	13.08
2019-20	1629.62	6720.37	4891.90	24.25
2020-21	2054.80	7523.92	4901.83	27.31
2021-22	2580.53	7816.33	5110.84	33.01
2022-23	2797.45	8041.07	4914.15	34.79
2023-24	3243.62	8807.25	5239.97	36.83
2024-25	2899.92	8581.50	5303.35	33.79
2025-26 (Apr-Jan)(P)	2322.16	6875.92	4167.87	33.77

Source: Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell; (P): Provisional

(c): While domestic production of petroleum products is expected to increase with the commissioning and expansion of greenfield and brownfield refinery projects, any shortfall in domestic availability will be bridged through imports.
