

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1500
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th March, 2018

INTERNATIONAL OIL AND GAS CONFERENCE

1500: SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

पेट्रो लयम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- a) whether bi-annual International oil and gas conference and exhibition 'Petrotech 2016' was held in the recent past;
- b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the said conference;
- c) whether recently International Energy Forum - International Gas Union Ministerial Forum was also held in the country and if so, the details thereof and the matters discussed in the said forum along with the outcome thereof; and
- d) the details of the participating countries along with the Memorandum of Understanding signed during the said programme/conference?

ANSWER

पेट्रो लयम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में मंत्री (श्री धर्मन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- a) & b): Petrotech-2016 was organised under the aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas from 5th -7th December, 2016 in New Delhi. The theme of the conference was "Hydrocarbons to fuel the future: Choices & Challenges". Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Conference and Finance Minister made the concluding remarks. The three-day event witnessed participation of over 100 eminent speakers and 7,200 delegates from 68 countries, including Ministers from 21 countries, CEOs, technologists, scientists, planners and policy-makers, management experts, entrepreneurs, service-providers and vendors. The Conference was accompanied by an Exhibition from Dec 4-7, 2016. It helped in showcasing India's achievements in the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors of India's oil and gas industry. Companies from over 50 countries also participated in the exhibition. The biennial international conference provided

a platform for overseas Ministers of oil and gas, CEOs of Indian and overseas companies and Hydrocarbon experts to discuss oil and gas related issues and mutually understand the growth potential and trends of the global oil & gas industry. Also, it helped Indian oil and gas companies to showcase and share their achievements to overseas visitors.

- c) The 5th International Energy Forum-International Gas Union (IEF-IGU) Ministerial Gas Forum was held in New Delhi, India on 6 December 2016. Representatives from approximately 55 members of IEF participated in the event, including six at the Ministerial level. The theme of the Forum was "Gas for Growth; improving economic prosperity and living standards". Along with Ministers of member countries of IEF, CEOs and Hydrocarbon experts participated in the Forum.
- d) Petrotech - 2016 witnessed participation from Ministers from 21 countries and witnessed signing of total 12 Agreements/MoUs, *inter-alia*, pertaining to cooperation in the fields of oil and gas and project execution.
