

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 284
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5th February, 2018**

Crude Oil Production

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पेट्रोलियम व प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) whether crude oil production has gone down by 0.6 per cent to 2.93 million tonnes in April, 2017 and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to produce more crude oil in the country and encourage domestic production; and

(b) whether oil companies have shut down some wells and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with number of oil rigs exploring oil and gas in the country, company/oil blocks-wise;

ANSWER

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**MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARAMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a). Domestic crude oil production for the month of April 2017 was 2939 Thousand Metric Tons (TMT). Crude oil production by Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) during April, 2017 was 1847.16 TMT which is 2.51% higher when compared with April, 2016. Crude oil production by Oil India Ltd. (OIL) during April, 2017 was 273.24 TMT which is 4.53% higher than production in April, 2016. Crude oil production by Pvt/JVs during April, 2017 was 818.45 TMT which is 8.44% lower than April, 2016.

Government, inter-alia, has taken following Policy initiative to enhance domestic production of oil and gas:-

- i. Policy for Relaxations, Extensions and clarifications under Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime for early monetization of hydrocarbon Discoveries, 2014.
- ii. Policy on Testing Requirements, 2015.
- iii. Discovered Small Field Policy, 2015.
- iv. Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy, 2016.
- v. Policy for Extension of Production Sharing Contracts, 2016.
- vi. Setting up of National Data Repository, 2017.
- vii. Appraisal of Unappraised area in Sedimentary Basin.
- viii. Re-assessment of Hydrocarbon Resources.
- ix. Policy for early monetization of Coal Bed Methane (CBM)

(b). During the life of the well, production from an oil well may cease for various reasons, such as natural decline in reservoir pressure, water/sand ingress and wellbore mechanical problems etc. Such sick wells are revived through well workover/intervention jobs, if economically viable.

ONGC has deployed 71 rigs for onland fields and 38 rigs for offshore fields. OIL has deployed 19 rigs in its onland fields. The rigs deployed by Cairn India Ltd., Mercator and Focus Energy Ltd. are 2, 1 and 6 rigs respectively.
