

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 433
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th December 2022

Imported Crude Oil

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government has laid down a road map for reducing country's dependency on imported crude oil;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action plan prepared and timeline for achieving this target;
- (c) the steps taken to adequately increase the exploration and production of indigenous crude oil by companies like Oil India Ltd., ONGC etc.;
- (d) the quantum of crude oil imported by the Government and expenditure incurred hereon during the last five years, exporting country and year-wise;
- (e) the share of country's domestic requirement met by the imported crude oil during the last five years, year-wise; and
- (f) the expected time by which the country's requirement of crude oil is likely to be fully met from indigenous sources?

ANSWER

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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) to (f) Yes Sir, Government has adopted five-pronged strategy comprising increasing domestic production of oil and gas, promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures, giving thrust on demand substitution, promoting biofuels and other alternate fuels/renewables, and refinery process improvements for reducing the country's oil dependency on imported crude oil.

Various steps have been taken by the Government to increase the production of domestic crude oil and bring down imports. These inter-alia include Discovered Small Field Policy, Reforms in Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy for enhancing domestic exploration and production of Oil & Gas 2019, Natural Gas Marketing Reforms 2020, Policy to promote and incentivize enhanced recovery methods for Oil and Gas, Redevelopment of existing matured fields and development of new/marginal fields, Revival of Sick Wells, improving recovery factors through the implementation of Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) and Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) techniques, etc. Government has also provided functional freedom to national Oil Companies and promoted wider private sector participation by streamlining approval processes through electronic single window mechanism.

The country imports oil and gas from various geographical regions including countries from the Middle-East, Africa, Europe, North America, South America and South-East Asia. The year-wise imports of crude oil and its dependency on country's domestic requirement during last 5 years as under: -

Year	Quantity of Import of Crude Oil (in MMT)	Value of Import of Crude Oil (in ₹ Crore)	Import Dependence of Crude Oil (in %)
2017-18	220.4	566450	82.9
2018-19	226.5	783183	83.8
2019-20	227.0	717001	85.0
2020-21	196.5	459779	84.4
2021-22	212.4	901262	85.6

Government has already resolved to make India energy independent before the completion of 100 years of Independence.
