

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2741
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16 MARCH, 2023

Crude Oil Price in International Market

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the prices of crude oil have declined in the international market;
- (b) if so, whether the petroleum companies of the country have made profits during the last and current quarter and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the oil companies have not proportionately passed on the benefit of lower prices to the concerned people and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government would take steps to facilitate the petroleum companies to reduce the prices of petrol and diesel and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a) to (d): Prices of petrol and diesel in the country have been market-determined with effect from 26.06.2010 and 19.10.2014 respectively. Since then, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take appropriate decision on pricing of petrol and diesel.

While crude oil price (Indian basket) in rupee per barrel terms has increased by 23% from December 2021 to March 2023, increase in Retail Selling Price of Petrol and Diesel at Delhi has only been 1.08% and 3.40% respectively.

Prices of Petrol and Diesel have not been increased by public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) since 6th April 2022, despite record high international prices. The three Public Sector OMCs viz. IOCL, BPCL and HPCL have booked a combined loss of Rs. 18,622 Crore during April 2022 to December 2022.

Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have also suffered huge losses on sale of domestic LPG where the price is modulated by Government. To compensate these losses, the Government has recently paid a one-time compensation of Rs. 22000 crore to OMCs.