

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1232
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th FEBRUARY, 2020

Decline in Crude Oil Production

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in crude oil production during the month of December, 2019, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details regarding the fall in crude oil production;
- (c) whether such fall in production put pressure on the country's oil import, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the country-wise details of the total value of oil and oil products imported by the country in 2019;
- (e) whether the Government is taking measures to reduce the import bill, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): Crude oil production during December, 2019 was 2.65 MMT which is 7.3% lower when compared with December 2018 (2.86 MMT). Crude oil production was affected due to various reasons, including *inter alia*, less than envisaged production, natural decline due to mature fields and reservoir issues in some of the fields, shutdowns taken for maintenance activities, increase in water cut, disruption in field activities due to bandhs.

The percentage of crude oil import dependency during the 2019-20 (April-December) was about 84.9%.

(d): The value of crude oil and petroleum products imported by the country during the year 2019-20 (April- December) are given below:

| | Value (in ₹ Crore)* |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Crude Oil | 5,50,131 |
| Petroleum Products | 91,917 |

*: Provisional

(e): Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is working in collaboration with various Central Government Ministries/stakeholders to make efforts to achieve reduction in import dependency on oil. The import reduction strategy broadly includes increasing domestic production of oil and gas, improving energy efficiency and productivity, giving thrust on demand substitution, promoting biofuels and alternate fuels/ renewables. Further, efforts are undertaken to increase the share of natural gas in the primary energy mix in the country by developing natural gas pipelines, LNG terminals, CGD terminals and also promoting Compressed Bio Gas sector.
