

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1076
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2021

Imports of Petroleum/Natural Gas

1076. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:
SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:
SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:
SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) the share of crude oil imports and domestic production in the total annual consumption in the country during the last three years and the current year including the details of the import of petroleum products during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government is increasing production of domestic oil and gas and also promoting biofuel or any alternative fuel, if so, the details of concrete steps taken to reduce dependency in imports along with the action of the Government for collaboration with any other country in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government has any tentative target year to bring the imports of petroleum and natural gas to zero and make the country Atma Nirbhar in the energy sector, if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) The share of crude oil imports and domestic crude oil production in the total crude oil processing/annual consumption of crude in the country during the last three years and current year are given below:-

(Quantity in Million Metric Tons (MMT))

Particulars	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (Apr-Dec)(P)
Quantity of crude oil imports (MMT)-A	220.4	226.5	227.0	143.2
Quantity of domestic crude oil production (MMT)-B	35.7	34.2	32.2	23.0
Total crude oil processing quantity/ Consumption of crude (MMT) –C#	251.9	257.2	254.4	160.4
Share of crude oil import as a percentage of total crude oil processing (%) -A/C%	87.5	88.1	89.2	89.3

Total crude processed during a financial year is different from the sum of crude imported and processed during that year.

Source: Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell, (P): Provisional

The quantity of Petroleum, Oil & Lubricants (POL) products import during the last three years and the current year is given below:

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (Apr-Dec)(P)
Total POL products import (in MMT)	35.5	33.3	43.8	32.0

Source: Oil companies & DGCI&S, (P): Provisional

(b) & (c) : Government has taken multiple steps to enhance exploration & production of oil and gas to reduce imports and make the country AtmaNirbhar through various policies under Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, Discovered Small Field Policy, Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy, Setting up of National Data Repository, etc.. Government has also provided functional freedom to National Oil Companies and wider private sector participation by streamlining approval processes including electronic single window mechanism.

Government has launched National Biofuel Policy, 2018, to boost availability of biofuels in country and use of alternative fuels like ethanol, bio-diesel and bio CNG through Ethanol Blending, Bio-diesel blending and Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative respectively.
