

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3051  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Oil and Gas Projects**

**3051. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:**

**पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री**

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

- (a) whether oil and gas sectors have started a large number of projects to boost economic activities in the country, if so, the details thereof and the number of man-days of employment likely to be generated from these projects; and
- (b) the details of investments likely to be involved in such various projects and the extent to which operation of these projects will turn crisis into an opportunity in the country's economy and employment?

**ANSWER**

**पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मेंद्र प्रधान)  
MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Oil & gas CPSEs and their Joint Ventures/subsidiaries have started/resumed over 8000 economic activities/projects, progressively since 20.04.2020. These include projects and activities in upstream oil and gas exploration and production, drilling/survey activities, oil refining, Bio Refineries, gas pipelines infrastructure for connecting national gas grid, city gas distribution networks in the newly authorized geographical areas and LNG terminals, Marketing infrastructure projects, compressed bio-gas plants, capacity addition of refineries, fertilizer plants and petro-chemical units. These projects, in general, make available employment opportunities in direct as well as indirect forms, during the construction and operational phase. Oil & Gas sector, with its backward and forward linkages, is a key driver of economic growth and, therefore, these projects involving substantial investments will provide boost to the national economy as well as provide employment opportunities to the people of our country.

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