LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 935 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th July, 2021

Import of oil

+ 935.SHRI LALLU SINGH

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government has asked the oil companies of the country to consider about reducing the import of oil from Saudi Arabia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has kept other countries in mind as alternative to fulfill the requirement of oil in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

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

- (a)& (b): Oil Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have term contract with National Oil Company of Saudi Arabia for import of crude oil. During 2020-21, the upliftment of crude from Saudi Arabia reduced due to Covid-19 and cuts imposed by Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on crude oil production.
- (c) &(d): To ensure security of crude supplies, apart from Saudi Arabia, Oil PSUs have contracts with other countries located at various geographical locations viz. Middle East, Africa, North America, South America etc.
