

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4456**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 19 MARCH, 2026**

**IMPORT AND DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF BITUMEN**

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**पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री**

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

- (a) the details of the quantity and value of bitumen imported into the country since 2019, year-wise along with the sources of such imports, country-wise;
- (b) the details of domestic production and total domestic consumption of bitumen during the said period and the percentage share of imports in total domestic consumption, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the adequacy of domestic bitumen production capacity to meet the demand arising from national highway and infrastructure development programmes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any policy, roadmap or incentives to promote domestic production of bitumen and bio bitumen to reduce import dependence and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**  
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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**  
**(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(a) & (b): The details of bitumen imports, production and consumption are given below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Bitumen Imports (TMT)</b>	<b>Bitumen Consumption (TMT)</b>	<b>Bitumen Production (TMT)</b>	<b>% share of Imports in Consumption</b>
2019-20	1629.62	6720.37	4891.90	24.25
2020-21	2054.80	7523.92	4901.83	27.31
2021-22	2580.53	7816.33	5110.84	33.01
2022-23	2797.45	8041.07	4914.15	34.79

2023-24	3243.62	8807.25	5239.97	36.83
2024-25	2899.92	8581.50	5303.35	33.79
2025-26 (Apr-Jan)(P)	2322.16	6875.92	4167.87	33.77
Source: Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell; (P): Provisional				

(c): While domestic production of petroleum products is expected to increase with the commissioning and expansion of greenfield and brownfield refinery projects, any shortfall in domestic availability is bridged through imports.

(d): Bio-Bitumen has been developed by IOCL using lignin rich residue for 2G Ethanol plant as source of Biomaterial.

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