

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2489
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LOSSES BY MARKETING DIVISIONS OF OIL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether marketing division of the public sector oil companies have been incurring losses over thousands crore per annum ;
- (b) if so, the details of loss suffered during last two years and during first quarter of current fiscal year and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken to reduce the operating costs of marketing divisions and to avoid wasteful and non-commercial expenses; and
- (d) the impact of losses on disinvestment of BPCL and HPCL?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

- (a) & (b) : According to the published financial results of the public sector oil companies, they have been making profits in the last 2 years and also during the first quarter of the current fiscal year.
- (c) : Measures are taken by the Oil Companies on a continuous basis to reduce the operating costs of all the divisions and to avoid wasteful and non-commercial expenses.
- (d) : In view of the reply to parts (a) & (b) the question does not arise.