

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1753  
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VISITS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Chairmen, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (H.P.C.L.), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (B.P.C.L.) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (I.O.C.L.) undertook several visits to foreign countries during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent on their visits yearwise; and
- (c) the extent to which the respective above mentioned companies have been benefited as a result of their visits?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a & b) Chairman, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), and Chairmen & Managing Directors of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) have undertaken tours abroad for various purposes which inter alia include negotiations and signing of contracts, Memoranda of Collaboration/Agreements etc., to attend International Seminars, workshops etc relating to the Oil Sector. The year wise details of the foreign tours undertaken and the amount spent by each of the above three Chief Executives during the last 3 years are as given below :

Chief Executive No. of tours undertaken and amount spent

1997    1998    1999

	No.of Trips spent	Amount	No.of Trips spent	Amount	No.of Trips spent	Amount
Chairman, IOCL	9	US\$14,533	8	US\$ 13,026	8	US\$ 11,285
	+ actual	+ Sw/Fr7000	+ actual	+ air fare		
	air fare	+ actual				
	air fare					
Chairman & Managing Dir., HPCL	3	US\$ 6,642	2	US\$ 3,254	2	US\$ 5,713
	+ actual		+ actual		+ actual	
	air fare	air fare	air fare	air fare	air fare	
Chairman & Managing Dir., BPCL	3	US\$ 3,934	3	US\$ 2,118	1	US\$ 150
	+ actual		+ actual		+ actual	
	air fare	air fare	air fare	air fare	air fare	

- (c) The objectives for which the above tours were undertaken have, by and large, been achieved.