

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

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CO-OPERATION WITH LIBYA IN PETROLEUM SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the Government is initiating steps to acquire business opportunities for Indian Oil Companies in Libya ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the government proposes to set up joint ventures for refinery upgrade and training programmes for Libyan professionals;
- (d) if so, whether any agreement has been signed with Libya in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has initiated steps to develop business opportunities for Indian Oil Companies in Libya.
- (b) Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas visited Libya recently, alongwith with a delegation comprising Chairmen/Managing Directors of oil public sector units(PSUs).
- (c) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has shown interest for modernization and upgradation of Ras Lanuf refinery by a Joint Venture Company to be co-promoted by National Oil Corporation(NOC), Libya and IOCL. It is also proposed to train 100 Libyan professionals in various training establishments in the petroleum sector in India.
- (d)&(e) No agreement has been signed with Libya in this regard.