

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has issued fifth instalment of Oil Bonds recently;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the amount estimated to be collected by the issuance of instalment for Oil Bonds; and
- (d) the manner in which the amount collected by issuing Oil Bonds will be utilised?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Government have issued interest bearing Oil Bonds worth Rs. 4971 crores in the fifth tranche on 29.3.2007 to the public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). The Bonds are issued towards partial compensation of losses suffered by them in marketing of sensitive petroleum products.

(c)&(d): The details of Oil Bonds issued during the year 2006-07 are given below :

Amount (Rs. in crore)

IOC 13943.21

BPC 5247.90

HPC 4929.89

24121.00

The OMCs would be utilising the amount of Oil Bonds towards partial compensation of under-recoveries in sale of petroleum products and for business development.