

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

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IMPORT OF PETROL AND DIESEL

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

- (a) the percentage of petroleum products imported and produced in the country during 2003-04 and upto September, 2004;
- (b) whether the Government have any plans to promote production of petroleum products in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government are taking any steps to prevent the misuse of the petroleum products; and
- (e) if so, the details, thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) The quantity of petroleum products produced and imported in the country was as under :

Product type (TMT#)	2003-04 (TMT#)	April- Sep, 2004
Produced	117640	60686
Imported	8001	3499

= Thousand Metric Tonne

(b) & (c) On an overall basis, the country is self-sufficient in petroleum products. Indeed, India is a net exporter of petroleum products. The setting up of refineries is delicensed and new capacities would come up on commercial considerations.

(d) & (e) In order to prevent misuse, oil companies and the State Governments have been authorised under the MS&HSD (Regulation of Supply and Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Order to take necessary control measures.