

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

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DIVIDEND PAID BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR OIL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the dividend remittance by some oil companies is decreasing year after year;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the oil companies are spending huge sum on administrative expenses resulting in less dividend to the Government: and
- (d) if so, the steps taken or directions issued by the Government to the oil companies to restrict or reduce their administrative expenses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a) & (b): The details of dividend remitted to Government by the Oil Companies from 2005-06 onwards are Annexed. There is no year after year reduction in remittance of dividend. Some Oil Companies have remitted less dividend in certain years due to the burden of under-recoveries on account of spiralling international crude oil prices.
- (c): The administrative expenses of the Oil Companies are in tune with their requirements and they have not resulted in less dividend to the Government.
- (d): Government has, from time to time, issued instructions to the Oil Companies to observe utmost economy in their administrative expenses.