

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF CRUDE OIL

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

- (a) whether production of crude oil in the country in the first two months of 2009-10 has been lower as compared to corresponding period of last year;
- (b) if so, the quantum by which the production has decreased and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the production of the natural gas has increased in the said period as compared to the corresponding period of last year; and
- (d) if so, the details of quantum of increase thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The production in the first two months of the year 2009-10 was lower by 0.214 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) compared to corresponding period of last year. The reasons for less production were due to natural decline from the old & ageing fields, planned shutdown and less than envisaged gain from Improved Oil Recovery (IOR)/Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) schemes.

(c) & (d): The production of natural gas has increased by 677.35 Million Metric Standard Cubic Metre (MMSCM) in the first two months of 2009-10 compared to the corresponding period of last year.