

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

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WHITE PAPER ON EFFICIENCY OF OIL PSUS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has ever brought out any white paper on the efficiency of Public Sector Oil Undertakings in the country;
- (b) if so, whether there are sophisticated and world recognized measures of efficiency;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Indian oil firms have greater operation cost as compared to global standards;
- (e) if so, whether the Government is accommodating inefficient oil PSUs through subsidies and fuel price increase;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (g) whether the Government proposes to open oil sector to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in all fields including retail on the lines of telecom and other sectors for better competition in oil prices and benefit the consumers; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

(d) to (f): Four Public Sector Oil Companies of India are amongst the best 500 companies of the world as per Fortune Global 500 companies for the year 2010.

(g) & (h): Subject to sectoral policy and regulations, Foreign Direct Investment in Exploration & Production and Refining are allowed. For marketing rights of transportation fuel by private investors, including foreign investors, a threshold investment of Rs.2000 crore should have been made and/or committed to be made in the oil and gas sector in India.