

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4830  
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IMPORT OF BENTONIGHT AND BARRYTES  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the oil companies/ firms, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Oil India Limited (OIL) etc. are being importing Bentonight commercial powder and Barrytes powder to use in drilling of oil wells for crude oil;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the quantity imported during the last three years separately, year-wise and country-wise; and
- (c) the names of Indian firms presently involved in importing and supplying the said chemicals (powder) to the oil companies?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c): The list of Indian firms presently supplying Bentonite powder and Barytes powder to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and Oil India Limited are as under:-

Bentonite powder

M/s Ashapura International, Mumbai

M/s Manek Minerals, Mumbai

M/s Jagshanti Minerals, Jodhur

M/s Maruti, Minerals, Barmer (Rajasthan)

Barytes powder

M/s Gimpex Ltd. Chennai

M/s IBC Ltd. Chennai

M/s BASS Minerals (India) Pvt. Ltd., Kodur

M/s APMDC Ltd., Hyderabad

M/s Shri Vijayalakshmi Minerals Trading Co., Chennai

M/s Ghousia Minerals, Cuddapah.

M/s C.M.Ramanatha Reddy, Chennai