

**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) the total number of oil field operating in the country at present;
- (b) the total quantity of crude oil produced in the country during the year 2009-10;
- (c) whether the production was less than the target fixed by the Government for production of crude oil during the current year;
- (d) if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to boost exploration of oil in the different parts of the country?

Answer

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

- (a) The total number of oil fields operating in the country is 258 at present.
- (b) The total quantity of crude oil produced in country during the year 2009-10 is 33.50 Million Metric Tons (MMT).
- (c) & (d) The crude oil production during the current financial year (upto Sept. 2010) is 18.277 MMT against the target of 18.178 MMT for the same period.
- (e) To accelerate hydrocarbon exploration activities to meet our maximum requirement from indigenous sources Government has been carving out more and more areas for exploration for offer under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy and Coal Bed Methane Policy.