

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

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IMPORT OF CRUDE OIL FROM ANGOLA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has shown its keenness to source more crude oil from Angola, and has also expressed interest in acquiring oil and gas assets in that country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether both the countries had a bilateral meeting to discuss this issue;
- (d) if so the details and outcome thereof; and
- (e) the total quantity of crude oil being imported from Angola at present?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): National Oil companies including ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) have shown interest in acquisitions of oil & gas projects in Angola depending upon techno-economic studies and the commercial viability of such projects.

(c) & (d): A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Ministry of Petroleum of Angola for promoting bilateral cooperation in the oil & gas sector. The area of cooperation includes the following:

- # Augmenting supply of crude oil and exploring possibility of supply of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Angola.
- # Participation in Exploration & Production (E&P) of hydrocarbon resources in onshore and offshore blocks in Angola.
- # Assist in the development of refining and natural gas infrastructure in Angola on commercial principles.
- # Training programmes for Angolan technical personnel in E&P and refining activities.

(e) The total quantity of crude oil imported from Angola during 2009-10 is 8.993 Million Metric tonnes (MMT).