

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

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REDUCTION IN OIL PRODUCTION FROM OIL WELLS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a number of oil wells are producing less production than their actual capacity as they are old;
- (b) if so, the location-wise and State-wise number of such oil wells till date;
- (c) whether the use of newly developed technology can be beneficial to increase production from these oil wells; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b) The actual production from all oil wells undergoes natural decline over a period of time during their life cycle. As of now there are 6188 oil wells in the country (drilled by national oil companies, private/JVs and foreign companies) out of which 4950 are flowing oil wells and 1238 are non-flowing oil wells.

(c) & (d) The production from the oil wells which are on natural decline are continuously subjected to various remedial measures such as increased oil recovery/enhanced oil recovery (IOR/EOR), work over stimulation, installation of artificial lift, horizontal drilling etc.