

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PETROTECH TH INTERNATIONAL OIL AND GAS CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the technical advantages gained by the Indian Petroleum sector from Petrotech 9th International Oil and Gas Conference and Exhibition held recently;
- (b) the number of countries whose officers, petroleum sector companies and other persons from the field of technology officially participated in the said conference;
- (c) the outcome of the conference thereto; and
- (d) the total expenditure incurred thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) During Petrotech 9th International Oil and Gas Conference and Exhibition held recently in New Delhi, technological advantages were gained by the Indian Petroleum Sector in the form of Knowledge sharing and exposure to new technologies in different aspects of hydrocarbon industry.

(b) 386 participants from 80 countries and 2365 participants from Indian Hydrocarbon industry and academic institutes participated in the Conference, including 1371 delegates from Petroleum Sector companies.

Further, Petrotech-2010 Exhibition had participation from 356 companies which included 151 Indian companies and 205 International companies from 28 countries. 10 country pavilions were also set up in the Exhibition.

(c) Bilateral meetings covering issues in Oil and Gas sector between India and Angola, Sudan, Mauritius, Nigeria, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Ghana and Yemen were held.

Further, bilateral business meetings of ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL), a subsidiary of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd(ONGC), were held with Ministerial / High Level delegations from Sudan, Angola, Sri-Lanka, Nigeria, Canada and Korea.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was also signed between India and Angola for promoting bilateral cooperation in oil and natural gas sector.

(d) The total estimated expenditure was Rs. 13.36 Crores.