

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

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RECOVERY OF OIL/GAS FOR ABANDONED RIGS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of oil/gas rigs are reported to have been abandoned;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposed to seek foreign technology and investment to recover hydrocarbon from such abandoned rigs on economic ground;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether steps have been taken to develop and upgrade the transportation and distribution assets of oil and gas PSUs; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Oil/gas rigs are not abandoned, but they are moved to the next location after completion of drilling & testing of wells. Exploratory wells are routinely abandoned after drilling and testing if there is no hydrocarbon show.
- (c) & (d) Does not arise.
- (e) & (f) As transportation of petroleum products, crude oil and gas through pipelines is the cheapest, safest and environment friendly mode of transportation, all oil and gas PSUs have given due emphasis in developing and upgrading the transportation and distribution infrastructure.