

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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 details of crude oil production by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and Oil India Ltd. in Assam sector during the last three years;
- (b) the details of measures taken by ONGC and Oil India Ltd. to protect environment in Assam, and
- (c) the details of the amount spent for social work during the last three years by these companies?

Answer

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

- (a) Crude oil production by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and Oil India Ltd. in Assam sector during the last three years was 13.73 MMT.
- (b) Some of the measures taken by both companies to protect environment in Assam are as under:
 - 1. OIL has taken Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) protection as one of the top priority in these operations.
 - 2. Regular monitoring of water and air in oilfield areas.
 - 3. Immediate remedial measures are taken for arresting pollution problem out of their operations, if any.
 - 4. Bio-medical wastes (BMW) are disposed as per BMW Rules.
 - 5. Effluent treatment plants and mobile Effluent treatment Plants are in regular operations to cater the need of effluent treatment before its disposal.
 - 6. Collected waste water is treated, recycled and reused during drilling operations.
 - 7. Solvent Extraction Method, to recover the oil from oily sludge, before its disposal is being practiced.
 - 8. Under greening program, activities of tree plantation are undertaken in and around the installations.
 - 9. Environment friendly chemicals are used in drilling and production operations.
- (c) The amount spent for social work during the last three years by ONGC and OIL was Rs. 659.84 crore only.