

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

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OIL EXPLORATION

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

- (a) whether the Government has achieved self-sufficiency in the production of petroleum products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has given permission to public and Private Sector Oil Companies to export petroleum products;
- (d) if so, the details thereof?
- (e) whether several Indian oil companies are working in the field of oil exploration within and outside the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Details of production and consumption of petroleum products in India during 2009-10 and April-December 2010 given below indicates that the total supply of refined petroleum products in the country is in excess of the domestic consumption:

(in Million Metric Tonne)

2009-10 April-December 2010

Production of Petroleum Products 185.0 141.8
Consumption of Petroleum Products 138.2 105.3

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Public and private sector oil companies can export petroleum products except Kerosene and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), whose export is subject to a no objection certificate from the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

(e) & (f): Yes, Madam. Under the PSC regime, a total of 135 blocks were awarded to National Oil Companies (NOCs)/State Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and 81 blocks were awarded to Private Companies as Operators in onland and offshore area of the country, including deepwater area, through Pre-New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) & eight rounds of NELP bidding held so far. Further, the public sector oil companies are also participating in the exploration activities in overseas blocks. The ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Oil India Limited (OIL) are participating in 34, 10 and 1 overseas blocks respectively.