

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OIL RESERVE IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to fully exploit the oil reserves found in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some commercial exploitation of crude oil has already started at Barmer oil field; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether this exploitation would reduce the country's dependency on import; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. A Joint Venture comprising of CAIRN & ONGC, in pre-NELP Block RJ-ON-90/1, as consortium partners have discovered 2P (proved + probable) resources of the order of 2.1 Billion barrels of oil equivalent (BOE), for which development plan has been approved by the Management Committee, out of which 457 MMBL is the estimated ultimate recovery up to 2020. Oil India Ltd. (OIL), a Public Sector Undertaking have discovered reserves of heavy oil and bitumen in Bikaner-Nagaur Basin in Jaisalmer District and natural gas in Jaisalmer Basin in Jaisalmer District of Rajasthan.

(c) & (d) The commercial production of crude oil has started at Barmer from 29th August, 2009 and presently the production is @ 1,25,000 BOPD.

(e) & (f) The import of crude oil will be reduced by the extent of production from the above block.