

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

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FOREIGN TOURS BY OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of offices of public sector oil companies set up abroad;
- (b) the details of foreign trips undertaken by the official of Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) separately during the period from 1st April, 2009 to July 2011, alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (c) the purpose of the foreign visit in each case; and
- (d) the benefits derived by these companies through these foreign visits?

Answer

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

(a) The details of offices of oil public sector undertakings abroad are given below:

Name of the company Country Number of offices

ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL),	Russia	3
a wholly owned subsidiary	Vietnam	1
of Oil and Natural Gas	Iran	1
Corporation (ONGC)	Cuba	1
	Venezuela	1
	Kazakhstan	2
	Colombia	1
	Netherlands	1
	North Sudan	1
	South Sudan	1
	Brazil	1
	Libya	1
	Iraq	1
	Syria	1
Oil India Limited (OIL)	Gabon	1
	Libya	1
Indian Oil Corporation	Sri Lanka	1
Limited (IOCL)	Mauritius	1
	United Arab Emirates	1
	Sweden	1
Gas Authority of India	Egypt	1
Limited (GAIL)		

(b): The details of foreign trips undertaken by the official of Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) during the period 1.04.2009 to 1.7.2011 alongwith expenditure incurred thereon are as under:

Name Number of visits Expenditure

GAIL	462	5.20 Crores
ONGC	1650	30.45 Crores

(c) & (d): These visits were undertaken for various business requirements like work associations and overseas operations; training for skill development, attending seminars/conferences and presenting papers. Besides achieving business objectives, these visits have also helped in achieving skill/knowledge enhancement of officers.