

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

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TAPPING OF HYDROCARBONS FROM AFRICA  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to re-draw its strategy for dealing with strong emergence of Chinese interests in the hydrocarbon sector in the African continent;
- (b) if so, the strategy adopted by the Government in this regard and the present status of implementation of the aforesaid strategy;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to tap the hydrocarbon sector in the African continent; and
- (d) the present imports of crude oil from African region, country-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) To strengthen the country's energy security Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is encouraging the oil PSUs to adopt global vision and vigorously pursue hydrocarbons wherever they exist globally.
- (b) The Ministry has adopted a multi-pronged approach like engaging with Governments of hydrocarbon rich countries, entering in to bilateral agreements, encouraging our PSUs to form Joint ventures with National oil Companies/ International Oil Companies etc.
- (c) The Ministry organizes bi - annual India-Africa Hydrocarbon Conference to solicit closer business and investment ties with Africa in the oil & gas sector, holds Government to Government negotiations with African Countries to promote Indian investments in Africa and trade in Petroleum, etc. The Ministry also provides a comprehensive institutional frame work along with diplomatic support to the oil PSUs in their efforts of acquiring oil and gas assets abroad.
- (d) Country-wise import of crude oil from the Africa region during 2010-11 is as under:

Countries 2010-11  
(Quantity in MMT)

1 Algeria 2.649

2 Angola 9.648

3 Cameroon 0.308

4 Congo 0.873

5 Egypt 1.842

6 Equatorial Guinea 1.501

7 Gabon 0.394

8 Libya 1.094

9 Nigeria 15.813

10 Sudan 1.191