

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:201

ANSWERED ON:08.12.2011

OIL CONSERVATION

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

- (a) whether any gap exists between the technically and economically viable exploitation of oil resources and the actual exploitation of the same;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether oil conservation through efficient utilization is considered as a quicker, efficient and economical source of energy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to conserve oil; and
- (e) the success achieved so far as a result of implementation of various schemes for oil conservation including adoption of appropriate technologies, for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.201 BY SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL AND SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJI TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2011 REGARDING OIL CONSERVATION

(a)to(b): The time gap between techno-economically viable hydrocarbon discovery and actual commencement of commercial production of crude oil and natural gas is mainly on account of preparation and implementation of the development plan of a discovery. The time frame for the preparation and implementation of the development plan would, inter-alia, depends upon location of the discovery, availability of infrastructure facilities and other oil field services.

(c)to(d): The Government looks upon oil conservation through its efficient utilisation as a quicker, efficient and economic source of energy. With this in view, the Government of India has set up Petroleum Conservation and Research Association (PCRA) in 1978 as a society, registered under the Society Registration Act, 1960. It has been given the mandate to promote conservation of petroleum products in the major sectors of economy like transport, industry, households and agriculture. PCRA is engaged in promoting energy efficiency in various sectors of the economy by proposing policies and strategies for petroleum conservation. It carries out programmes for promoting awareness about oil conservation organizes training programme and promotes several activities directed towards oil conservation, including change in consumer behavior.

(e): The details of savings realized in the last four years on account of various activities carried out by PCRA, as assessed by a third party, are given below:

(Figures in Rs. Crore)

Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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Approximate	692	890	1,123	1,493
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Savings