

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

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IMPORT OF PETROLEUM AND ALLIED PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether eighty per cent of the country's consumption of petrol and its allied products are imported;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering to conduct geological and oceanic survey to find out the oil reserves within the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam. The import of Petrol (MS) and its consumption in the country during the last three years is as follows :-

(In Thousand Metric Tonne)

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11
(Provisional)

Consumption 11258 12818 14192

Import 397 385 1702

(%) Import 3.5 3.0 12.0
vs. consumption

(b) & (c): In order to assess hydrocarbon prospectivity in the sedimentary basins, gravity magnetic, electro -magnetic, aero-magnetic, magneto-telluric, geochemical and seismic surveys in Indian sedimentary basins onland and off shore areas are being carried out. The data obtained from these surveys are used for carving out exploratory blocks for offering under New Exploration Licensing Policy(NELP) bidding rounds. In addition, Contractor(s) under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime also conduct various geo-scientific surveys to find the hydrocarbon potential in the awarded blocks.