

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of the equity investment made by the Government and the Government controlled oil Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in oil and gas exploration projects abroad during April 2004 to June 2012;
- (b) the estimated return on investment on each of these equity oil investments juxtaposed against the actual return on the said investment;
- (c) whether these equity investments in oil and gas exploration projects abroad have contributed in strengthening the energy security of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether India has security concerns and explored the feasibility with regard to the safety of investment in those countries which are politically unstable; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) The details of equity investment made by Oil Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) in various producing, development and exploration projects abroad since April, 2004 to June, 2012 are as given hereunder:-

S.No.	Name of the Company	Amount in Rupees Crore
1.	ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL)	58,774.00
2.	Oil India Limited (OIL)	230.60
3.	Bharat PetroResources Limited (BPRL)	1270.00
4.	GAIL(India) Limited	832.38
5.	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)	39.07
6.	Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)	848.49

(b) As at present overseas Exploration & Production (E&P) assets of above mentioned Oil Companies are in various stages of exploration and development, it is difficult to anticipate actual return from the investment. However, net profits earned (after tax) by OVL in last three years are given below:-

Year	Amount in Rs.crore
2009-10	2089.6
2010-11	2690.5
2011-12	2721.2

(c) Yes Madam. These investment have contributed considerably in strengthening the energy security of the Country. The production of oil and oil equivalent gas in 2011-12 from 10 Producing Assets of OVL in 8 countries is 8.753 Million Metric Tonnes Oil Equivalent

(MMTOE).

(d) & (e) While considering overseas investment proposals, risk factors relating to security and political instability etc. are taken into consideration and factored into overall evaluation of the proposal/ project. While considering investment in a new country, the same is also got vetted by Ministry of External Affairs.