

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

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CAPACITY OF REFINERIES

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

- (a) whether the requirement of petroleum products in the country is proposed to be met by increasing the processing capacity of refineries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether production cost of petrol and diesel in the public sector oil refineries of the country have been assessed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the quantum of petrol and diesel produced by the public sector oil refineries during each of the last two years?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The requirement / consumption of petroleum products in the country during 2011-12 was 148.0 Million Metric Tonne whereas the refining capacity of the country was 213.066 Million Metric Tonne Per Annum(MMTPA) as on 1.4.2012.

(c) and (d): Refining of crude oil is a process industry where crude oil constitutes around 90% of the total cost. Crude oil is processed through several processing units such as Crude Distillation Unit (CDU), Vacuum Distillation Unit (VDU), Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit (FCC), Hydro-cracker, Coker unit, Lube Unit etc. Each of these units produces intermediate product streams, which require extensive reprocessing and blending. Finished petroleum products are produced from a blend of various intermediate streams and hence, production cost is not assigned to individual refined products.

(e) The quantity of petrol and diesel produced by public sector oil companies during the last two years is given below:

(Million Metric Tonne)

Year	2010-11	2011-12 (Provisional)
Petrol	11.77	13.14
Diesel	45.95	50.90