

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

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OIL CONSUMPTION

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

- (a) the per-capita consumption of oil in the country at present and whether the Government plans to raise the oil consumption in the near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; (
- (c) the assessment made regarding impact of such a move in increasing the pollution levels in the country; and
- (d) the steps being taken to raise the per-capita consumption of oil without any rise in pollution level in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): During 2011 the per capita consumption of oil in the country was 0.13 Toe (Tonnes oil equivalent) against the world average of 0.58 Toe. Oil consumption in India has also risen to 148 MMT during 2011-12 from 141 MMT in 2010-11, an increase of about 5%.

(c) & (d): In order to tackle air pollution due to consumption of auto fuels, Government has already taken steps in terms of introduction and supply of BS IV fuels in 26 major cities (including National Capital Region) and BS III fuels in the rest of the country. Ministry has also decided to extend coverage of BS-IV fuels to 37 more cities by 2015.

Source: BP Statistical Review of World Energy June 2012