

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

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FOREIGN TOURS OF OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of foreign tours undertaken by various officers from the level of Director upto the level of Chairman of the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) during each of the last three years;
- (b) the names of the countries visited by them along with the objectives of these visits; and
- (c) the expenditure incurred on these visits of the officers and their family members along with the benefits derived by these companies through these foreign visits?

Answer

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

(a) During 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12, there were 26, 37 and 50 foreign visit respectively, under taken by the officers at the level of Director and Chairman and Managing Directors of public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs.), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC).

(b) & (c) The officers at the level of Director and Chairman and Managing Directors visited U.K, USA, France, Uganda, Kuwait, Venezuela, Canada, Mauritius, Mexico, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Hongkong, London, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Germany, Spain, Australia, Italy, Oman, Qatar, Japan, etc.

Total expenditure on these visits is rs 3,41,21,151/-. Visit by family members, if, any, are on personal account and expenses towards such visits are not borne by the Corporation. The objective of these visits are to explore the global business opportunities and foster business growth, attend roadshows, board meetings etc.