

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

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AVAILABILITY OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS

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

- (a) the present status of availability of oil and natural gas in the country along with the potential of new exploration of such products;
- (b) the percentage of demand of oil and natural gas met through domestic resources of the country at present;
- (c) the total quantity of oil and natural gas imported from various countries to meet their shortage during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;and
- (d) the funds spent on these imports during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAANKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The crude oil and natural gas production in the country under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime during the last year and current year is as under:

Oil/Gas	2011-12	2012-13 (till January, 2013)
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Crude Oil Production	10.53	9.80
(Million Metric Tonnes)		

Natural Gas Production	21.61	12.68
(Billion Cubic Meters)		

Under the PSC regime, contracts have been signed for 282 exploration blocks under Pre-NELP and New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) bidding rounds (28 in Pre-NELP and 254 in NELP to various companies in onland and offshore areas, including deepwater area. So far, a total of 176 hydrocarbon discoveries have been made in the awarded exploration blocks of which 89 are oil discoveries and 87 are gas discoveries. Out of these, commercial production has commenced from 21 discoveries. As on 01.04.2012, in-place oil volume of 368 MMT and in- place gas volume of 732 BCM have been established from these discoveries.

(b) During the current financial year, for the period from April 2012 to November 2012, the percentage of demand of oil met through domestic resources is around 23.7%.

(c) The total quantity of crude oil imported from various countries during the last three year is at Annexure-I.

(d) The value of import of crude oil during the last three years and current year is given below:

Year	Import of Crude Oil (Rs.in Crore)
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2009-10	3,76,277
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2010-11 4,55,276

2011-12 6,72,220

2012-13 (April- 5,03,918
November)