

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

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IMPORT OF OIL

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to curb oil imports to reduce the US dollar demand and shore up the rupee;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to cut oil inventories from the current thirty day level; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Various measures such as reduction in LPG consumption by blocking ghost/duplicate connections, capping of cylinders, ethanol blended petrol programme, permission to import crude on Cost & Freight (CFR) on a case-to-case basis etc, are being taken to reduce oil import bill by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies.

(c) & (d): There is no such proposal before the Government, at present.