

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4468
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SHORTAGE OF TRAINED AND SKILLED PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cost of the oil drilling and production projects is continuously increasing due to dearth of drilling rigs;
- (b) if so, whether the completion of the projects are delayed due to acute shortage of trained and skilled personnel to meet the current demand;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for making them trained and skilled; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) The drilling programme has been affected in several deep water blocks undertaken by Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Private/Joint Venture companies due to global shortage of deep water drilling rigs. ONGC has reported increasing trend in drilling cost.
- (b) & (c) The projects have not been delayed due to shortage of trained and skilled personnel.
- (d) & (e) The personnel required in Exploration & Production (E & P) sector are recruited and deployed by the Public Sector undertakings (PSU) i.e. ONGC and Oil India limited (OIL) in their installations for Exploration and Production business. These companies regularly train their employees to upgrade their skill and to keep them abreast with the latest technology development and upgradation in E&P business.