

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REVIVAL OF CLOSED WELLS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of oil wells which are producing oil below their capacity and the steps taken by the Government to augment the capacity of existing wells, State/Oil Marketing Company (OMC) and location-wise; and

(b) whether the Government has launched any scheme to revive old or closed wells by using modern technology in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/OMC-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHRAMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & b): The oil production rate from an oil well may decline due to natural decline in reservoir pressure, water/sand ingress and wellbore mechanical problems etc. The state wise details of sick wells are in Annexure-I

The process of reviving non-flowing wells and producing wells that have turned non-producing is a continuous and dynamic one. The E&P companies have taken several measures to revive the sick wells to increase oil production, such as periodical well intervention and workover jobs, well stimulation, installation of suitable artificial lift systems and side-tracking of wells etc.