

**Dividend earned by ONGC**

†532. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the dividend earned by Government oil company ONGC during the first six months of 2004-05 was more than that of the same period last year;

(b) if so, the amount of the increased dividend together with the quantum of excess crude oil produced by ONGC as compared to the last year; and

(c) the total amount of business done in each of the six months of the last year and 2004-05 by ONGC?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) earned the same amount of dividend of Rs. 186.66 crore from Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. and GAIL (India) Ltd. during the first six months of 2004-05 as during the corresponding period of last year.

(b) Crude oil produced by ONGC during April—September 2004 was 13.282 MMT compared to 12.727 MMT produced during the corresponding period of last year.

(c) ONGC's gross income from operations was Rs. 22497 crore during the first six months of 2004-05 as compared to Rs. 16835 crore during the corresponding period of last year.

**Demand for petroleum products**

†533. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand of the petroleum products has increased during the last five years;

(b) if so, the annual average increase estimated thereof;

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