

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Fall in domestic oil production**

757 DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been continuous fall in crude oil production in the country over the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether public sector oil companies which are engaged in oil exploration have taken any steps to increase the oil production to meet the country's demand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) The details of actual crude oil production in the country during the last three years by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), Oil India Ltd. (OIL) and Private/Joint Venture (Pvt./JVs) companies are as under:

| <i>Crude oil production in million metric tonne (MMT)</i> |         |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
|   | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 |
| ONGC  | 25.37   | 24.67   | 24.42   |
| OIL   | 3.47    | 3.57    | 3.59    |
| Pvt./JVs  | 4.67    | 5.26    | 9.68    |
| TOTAL:  | 33.51   | 33.50   | 37.69   |

Crude oil production in the country was almost stagnant upto 2009-10 owing to production from aging fields. On commencement of crude oil production from new fields in Rajasthan by Pvt./Jvs companies, crude oil production in 2010-11 has increased 12.4% if compared to previous year *i.e.* 2009-10.

- (c) and (d) Several measures have been taken by the Government/Oil PSUs to accelerate the production of crude oil in the country, which includes the following:
  - (i) Carving out more and more areas for exploration for offer under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).
  - (ii) Implementation of New Technologies such as horizontal well drilling etc.
  - (iii) Application of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) techniques for increasing recovery factor from existing fields.