

**Discussions between Asian suppliers and  
consumers of oil and natural gas**

1878. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) India's assessment of the progress made in successive rounds since 2005 of the biennial round-table discussions between Asian suppliers and consumers of oil and natural gas under the aegis of the International Energy Forum, Riyadh; and

(b) what initiatives Government have under consideration for the next round, given the dramatic changes in recent years in the global oil and gas scenario?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The Government encourages engagements at multiple levels with oil and gas producing countries and global multi-lateral organizations active in the energy domain on a continuing basis, as a part of the overall policy efforts towards boosting India's energy security. India's dialogue with the member countries of International Energy Forum (IEF) has been useful from the point of view of gaining an enhanced understanding of global energy dynamics, particularly in the context of high crude/gas prices prevalent till mid-2014 and the volatility in the crude markets since mid-2014.

**Present capacity of Barauni refinery**

†1879. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of Barauni refinery;

(b) whether this refinery is utilizing its capacity to the fullest and the year-wise production during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to enhance the production capacity of Barauni refinery and if so, the details of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The present capacity of Barauni Refinery is 6 Million Metric Tonne Per Annum (MMTPA).

(b) The capacity utilization and production of petroleum products in the Barauni Refinery during the last three years is given below:-

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.