

freedom to National Oil Companies for collaboration and private sector participation for production enhancement methods in nomination fields, streamlining approval processes and promoting ease of doing business including electronic single window mechanism.

(b) Crude oil production during year 2018-19 was 34.203 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) (provisional) which was 4.15% lower as compared to production of 35.684 MMT achieved during the year 2017-18.

(c) A Committee was constituted by Government for “Preparing a roadmap to reduce the dependency on import in energy by 10% by 2021-22”. The report submitted by Committee was accepted by the Government which envisages five-pronged strategy broadly comprises of increasing domestic production of oil and gas, promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures, giving thrust on demand substitution, capitalizing untapped potential in biofuels and other alternate fuels/renewables and implementing measures for refinery process improvements. During 2018-19, import dependency on Oil and Oil Equivalent Gas (O+OEG) was 76% (provisional) as compared to 72.2% in 2015-16, due to decline in indigenous production and increase in domestic consumption of petroleum products.

#### **Protest against Nanar-Kumbhavade oil refinery setup**

†1391. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would reconsider the proposed setting up of oil refinery in Nanar-Kumbhavade in Rajapur Tehsil under Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Konkan area since local people are strongly protesting against setting up of the said anti-people refinery;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government so far on the demands of such people?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Oil PSUs namely Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited have decided to set up an integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex with a refining capacity of 60 MMTPA (million metric tonnes per annum) at Babulwadi, Taluka Rajapur in Ratnagiri District in the State of Maharashtra. The proposed Refinery site has been identified by Oil PSUs in consultation with Government of Maharashtra (GoM). However, GoM *vide* Notification dated 02.03.2019 has withdrawn the earlier Notification dated 18.05.2017 for acquisition of land for the refinery-cum-petrochemical project.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.