

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3321
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th MARCH, 2021

IMPORT OF PETROLEUM AND CRUDE OIL

3321. SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT:

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

- (a) the details of the amount of fund spent on the import of petroleum and crude oil by Government, year-wise;
- (b) whether Government is formulating any special scheme to reduce country's dependence on oil import, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a high level committee has been constituted to form strategy under the said scheme; and
- (d) the details of the recommendations by the said high level committee?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

- (a) The year-wise value of crude oil and petroleum products imported during the last three years is as under:-

Particulars	Year	Value	
		US\$ (Billion)	₹ (Crores)
Crude Oil	2017-18	87.8	566450
	2018-19	111.9	783183
	2019-20	101.4	717001
	2020-21 (April-January) (P)	47.2	349827
Petroleum Products	2017-18	13.6	88374
	2018-19	16.3	113665
	2019-20	17.7	125742
	2020-21 (April-January) (P)	10.8	80719

Source: Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell, (P): Provisional

(b) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is working in collaboration with various Central Government Ministries/State Governments/stakeholders to make efforts to achieve reduction in import dependency on oil. Since 2014, Government has taken multiple steps to reduce country's oil import dependency through refinery process improvements and various policies under Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, Discovered Small Field Policy, Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy, Setting up of National Data Repository, etc. Government has also provided functional freedom to National Oil Companies and wider private sector participation by streamlining approval processes including electronic single window mechanism.

Government has launched National Biofuel Policy, 2018, to boost availability of biofuels in country and use of alternative fuels like ethanol, bio-diesel and bio CNG through Ethanol Blending, Bio-diesel blending and Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative respectively.

(c) & (d) A Committee was constituted by the 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/ renewable and implementing measures for refinery process improvements
