

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2526**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**Import of oil**

**2526 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Natural Gas** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the progress made towards reducing the country's oil import dependence by 10 per cent by 2022 when compared to 2015-16, as envisioned by the Prime Minister;
- (b) the details of the year-on-year reduction in India's oil import dependence, from 2014 till date; and
- (c) the details of actions taken by Government to reduce India's oil import dependence from 2014, including the resulting drop in oil import dependence, if any?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) to (c): Government has taken multiple steps to reduce imports through demand substitution by promoting usage of natural gas as fuel/feedstock across the country to increase the share of natural gas in economy and move towards a gas based economy, refinery process improvements, promotion of alternate fuels & renewable, promoting energy efficiency and conservation, efforts for increasing production of oil and natural gas through promotion of 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.

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is also working in collaboration with various Central Government Ministries/stakeholders to make efforts to achieve reduction in import dependency on oil.

India's oil and oil equivalent gas import dependence in 2014-15 was 68.8% and in 2019-20 is 78%

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