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Ref: Lok Sabha Diary No. 1239 on Crude Oil Production to be answered on 02.12.2021

Q (a): the details of crude oil production in the country during the last three years and whether there has been a decrease in production of crude oil during the said period and if so, the reasons there for;

Ans (a): Crude oil production in the country is given below.

Figure in MMTPA

| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| ONGC | 19.6 | 19.2 | 19.1 |
| OIL | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| PSU total | 22.9 | 22.4 | 22.0 |
| JVC/ Private | 9.6 | 8.2 | 7.1 |
| Total crude oil | 32.5 | 30.5 | 29.1 |

Source: PPAC

As seen from the above there has been decrease in production of crude oil. Reason for lower crude production may be obtained from DGH / ONGC / OIL

Q (b): whether it is also a fact that many oil refineries in the country were not operating to their full capacity for last several months and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

Ans: Crude processing for last three years (April-October) by Indian refineries are given below.

Figure in MMT

| | Apr-Oct'19 | Apr-Oct'20 | Apr-Oct'21 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Crude Oil Processed by Refineries | 147.6 | 118.6 | 134.2 |

Source: PPAC

As seen from the above refineries are not operating at full capacity compared to Apr-Oct'19 as product demand was affected due to Covid-19 and current trends are showing recovery in refinery processing as demand is gradually picking up.

Q (c): whether the lower demand for petroleum products is one of the reasons for decreasing the crude oil production and lessor production in oil refineries;

Q (d): if so, the details thereof;

Ans (c&d): Lower demand for petroleum products in the country will not affect Crude oil production in the country as crude oil demand is substantially higher than the indigenous crude oil production. Lower demand for petroleum products affected production in oil refineries during Covid era

Q (e): the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of crude oil?

Ans: Input may be obtained from DGH / ONGC / OIL.

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