

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2053
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st March, 2022**

Domestic crude oil production

2053 Shri Vaiko:

Shri M. Shanmugam:

Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

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

- (a) whether the domestic crude oil production has come down against the target in the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the reasons and the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts being made to bring down import of crude oil to save the import bill and foreign exchange with details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) & (b) The production of crude oil till February 2022 has been 28.51 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) against the target of 31.80MMT during current financial year. The decline in production of crude oil in recent years has been due to natural decline and increase in water cut in wells of matured fields.

(c) Various steps have been taken to reduce import of Crude Oil. These inter alia include demand substitution by promoting usage of natural gas as fuel/feedstock across the country towards increasing the share of natural gas in economy and moving towards gas based economy, promotion of renewable and alternate fuels like ethanol, second generation ethanol, compressed bio gas and biodiesel, refinery process improvements, promoting energy efficiency and conservation, efforts for increasing production of oil and natural gas through various policies under Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, Discovered Small Field Policy, Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy, etc. Government has also provided functional freedom to National Oil Companies and for wider private sector participation by streamlining approval processes including electronic single window mechanism. To give a major thrust to Ethanol Blending Programme, Government of India through Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are establishing 2G Ethanol plants

across the country, also for promoting the use of Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) as automotive fuel, Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative has been launched under which oil Marketing Companies are inviting Expression of Interest (Eoi) from potential entrepreneurs to produce CBG.
