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PROFIT/LOSS TO OIL COMPANIES

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

(a) whether the public sector oil companies, which are selling in retail, are incurring losses during the last three years and current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise;

(c) whether public sector oil companies, which are undertaking production and processing of crude oil are earning profits;

(d) if so, the details thereof, company-wise;

(e) whether the Government has carried out any study to ascertain the reasons behind the profits and the losses of these companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a)&(b): The Profit after Tax (PAT) of the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during the last three years and current year is given as under:

(` Crore)

Company	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (April-September, 2010)
Public Sector OMCs				

Indian Oil Corporation#	6963	2950	10221	1906
Bharat Petroleum Corporation#	1581	736	1538	424
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation#	1135	575	1301	205
Total	9679	4261	13060	2535

PAT of OMCs is after taking into account financial support from upstream oil companies and the Government.

(c)&(d): The Profit after Tax (PAT) of the Public Sector Upstream Oil Companies during the last three years and current year is given as under:

(`Crore)

Company	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (April-September, 2010)
Upstream Oil Companies				
Oil and Natural Gas Corporation	16702	16126	16768	9050
Oil India Limited	1789	2162	2611	1417
GAIL (India) Limited	2601	2804	3140	1810
TOTAL	21092	21092	22519	12277

Note: PAT after taking into account financial support provided through price discounts to OMCs.

(e)&(f): The Expert Group on a Viable and Sustainable System of Pricing of Petroleum Products had, inter-alia, examined different aspects of the Oil PSUs' performance, including their financial health. The Ministry reviews the performance of the oil PSUs, including matters relating to the financial health, on a regular basis.