


Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB)
(Ministry of Petroleum & NG)

Sub.: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question D. No. 1370 to be answered on 28.11.2024.

| Question | Reply |
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| (a) Whether the Government has taken adequate steps to fill up the vacancies falling under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and all its PSUs, Allied offices and if so, the details thereof; | The adequate steps had been taken by OIDB to fill up the vacancies in OIDB as per its Recruitment Regulations by publishing the vacancies in the Employment News paper, other leading News papers & OIDB's website. |
| b) If so the details thereof | OIDB had published vacancies in the Employment News paper & other leading Newspapers for filling up the thirteen vacant posts on a deputation basis during 2023 & 2024 and four eligible candidates have been appointed by OIDB on a deputation basis. However, other posts have not been filled due to inadequate responses. Efforts are being made by OIDB for filling up the other vacant posts. |
| (b) The incumbency position as on 01.10.2024 in respect of all Aided Institutes, all Public Sector Undertakings under aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and | The incumbency position as on 01.10.2024 in OIDB is 13 Nos. and as of date is 15 Nos.. |
| (c) Whether the Government has initiated any special recruitment drive for filling up of vacancies in SC/ST/OBC and Minority communities and if so, the details thereof if not, the reasons therefore? | OIDB is a small organization having overall 32 sanctioned post. while sanctioned strength in each category of post in OIDB is quite less i.e. one or two posts in the particular category. As such no backlog vacancy of SC/ST/OBC Minority communities for direct recruitments exists in OIDB. |


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OIL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD (OIDB)

Lok Sabha provisionally admitted Starred Question Dy.No.1653 due for reply on 29.07.2024 regarding "Policy for Employment"

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| (a) | whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess demand and supply to formulate a full proof (evidence –based) policy for employment; | No such type of survey was conducted in OIDB as there is no mandate for OIDB for such survey. |
| (b) | the outcomes and details of such surveys conducted during the last 4 years; | N/A |
| (c) | whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy to Accord priority to the local people to provide employment in the private sector companies particularly engaged in refinery, oil, gas, solar and wind energy production and companies in mining sector in their area of operation; | OIDB renders the financial assistance for the development of Oil Industry. Therefore, it does not pertain to OIDB |
| (d) | if so, the details thereof ; | N/A |
| (e) | if not, the reason thereof? | N/A |

Mohankar
24/07/2024

OIL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD (OIDB)

Lok Sabha provisionally admitted starred Question Dy.No.1627 due for reply on 29.07.2024 regarding "Employment for Local People"

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| (a) | Whether the Government has carried out any review of the jobs provided to the local people by the companies engaged in oil, gas, solar and wind energy production, refinery and other heavy industries; | OIDB renders the financial assistance for the development of Oil Industry. Therefore, it does not pertain to OIDB. |
| (b) | If so, the number of local people being provided jobs on technical and non-technical posts by the companies engaged in oil, gas, solar and wind energy production, refinery and other heavy industries in Jaisalmer under Barmer Parliamentary Constituency in the State of Rajasthan; | N/A |
| (c) | If so, the details thereof; | N/A |
| (d) | Whether the Government proposes to make any provision to accord priority or provide reservation to the local people in jobs with the companies engaged in oil, gas, solar and wind energy production, refinery and other heavy industries; | It does not pertain to OIDB. |
| (e) | If so, the details thereof; and | N/A |
| (f) | If not, the reasons thereof? | N/A |


24/07/2024

Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB)

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question D.No. 3381 dated 01.08.2024 regarding filling of vacancies falling under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

| Question | Answer |
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| (a) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to fill up the vacancies falling under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and all its PSUs, Allied offices and if so, the details thereof; | The adequate steps had been taken by OIDB to fill up the vacancies in OIDB as per its Recruitment Regulations by publishing the vacancies in the Employment News paper & other leading News papers. |
| (b) the incumbency position as on 01.07.2024 in respect of all Aided Institutes, all Public Sector Undertakings under aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and | The incumbency position as on 01.07.2024 in OIDB is 11 Nos. |
| (c) whether the Government has initiated any special recruitment drive for filling up of vacancies in SC/ST/OBC and Minority communities and if so, the details thereof if not, the reasons therefor? | OIDB is a small organization and the sanctioned strength in each category of post in OIDB is quite minimal. Therefore, there is no backlog vacancy of SC/ST/OBC Minority communities for direct recruitments in OIDB. |

M. Anand
23/07/2024

File No.G/1/2023-GL

February 25, 2025

To

The Section Officer (ONG-III)
Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
Shastri Bhawan
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Subject:- Forwarding of Supplementary List of Points (LoPs) for seeking written replies from the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas in connection with Examination of "Demand of Grants"(2025-26)"- reg.

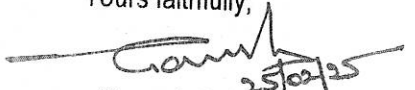
Sir,

I am directed to refer to ONG-III email dated 24.02.2025 forwarding therewith Lok Sabha Secretariat Office Memorandum No.LAFEAS-PNG017/4/2025-PNG dated 20.02.2025 on the subject mentioned above and to forward herewith OI DB's reply to Point No.2 marked as Exploration as follows:

| Points No. | Questionnaire | OI DB's reply |
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| 2 | What are the objectives of creation of OI D Fund? How the fund will be administered? Furnish a brief note on the funding source of the Fund and the purposes for which the fund will be used? | Section 15 of the Oil Industry (Development) Act, 1974 which provides for levy of cess on crude oil as part of the excise duty on the items specified therein. While Section 16 of the OI(D) Act provides for crediting of proceeds of duty to Consolidated Fund of India, Section 17 provides that the Central Government may, after due appropriation made by Parliament by law in this behalf, transfer such sums of money as the Central Government may consider necessary for the purpose of the Act. Section 18 of the Act further provides for creation of Oil Industry Development Fund (O I D F) wherein the money collected under Section 16 or Section 17 shall be credited and applied for the purposes defined therein. |

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,


25/02/25

(Ganesh Sah)
Accounts Officer

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To

The Under Secretary (ONG-III)
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Subject:- Inputs/comments in respect to recommendation No.3 of second Report of the Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas (2024-25) on Demands for Grants (2025-26) of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to ONG-III email dated 26.03.2025 forwarding therewith Lok Sabha Secretariat Office Memorandum No.LAFEAS-PNG021(11)/4/2024-PNG dated 21.03.2025 on the subject mentioned above and to forward herewith OI DB's comments as follows:-

| Recommendation No.3 | O I D B's Comments |
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| <u>Oil Industry Development Fund</u> The Committee are happy to note that the Government has agreed to set up the Oil Industry Development Fund (O I D F) with the main objective of ensuring the development of oil and gas sector. The Committee understand that the fund outlay is Rs.19,300 crore for the FY 2025-26. The O I D F will be financed through collections from the existing oil cess. The establishment of this Fund has filled a significant gap as there was no specific fund created for development of oil and gas sector, even though the O I D cess is being collected for a number of years. This will also bring transparency in budgeting for Oil sector. The Committee have also been informed that the fund will be utilized funding the subsidies under the PMUY and also for the subsidies being offered by the Department of Chemicals and Fertilizers. A part of the fund will also be used for strategic petroleum | <p>Section 15 of the Oil Industry (Development) Act, 1974 which provides for levy of cess on crude oil as part of the excise duty on the items specified therein. While Section 16 of the O I (D) Act provides for crediting of proceeds of duty to Consolidated Fund of India, Section 17 provides that the Central Government may, after due appropriation made by Parliament by law in this behalf, transfer such sums of money as the Central Government may consider necessary for the purpose of the Act. Section 18 of the Act further provides for creation of Oil Industry Development Fund (O I D F) wherein the money collected under Section 16 or Section 17 shall be credited and applied for the purposes defined therein.</p> <p>In terms of Section 6 of the Oil Industry (Development) Act, the Board renders financial and other assistance for the promotion of all such measures as are, in its opinion, conducive to the development of oil industry viz. all activities by way of prospecting or exploring for</p> |

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reserves. While the Government may have good reason to use the OI DF proceeds in this manner, the Committee feel that the basic objective of OI D cess was for using the proceeds for the development of oil sector. The use of OI D cess proceeds for non-development activities is not desirable in the long run. The Committee, accordingly, recommend that the proceeds of the Fund may be utilized for the purpose of development of oil gas sector, i.e. for the formation of capital assets. Petroleum sector is capital heavy sector and huge investments are required to boost in this direction. The Ministry is advised to actively pursue the matter with the Government. The Committee would like to be informed of the action in the matter and the results thereof.

or production of mineral oil, refining, processing, transportation, storage, handling and marketing, of mineral oil production and marketing of all products, down-stream of an oil refinery and the production of fertilizers and petro-chemicals and all activities directly or indirectly connected therewith.

2. This issues with the approval of the Secretary OI DB.

Yours faithfully,



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Subject: 152nd Report of Public Accounts Committee (2023-24) (17th LS) on Action Taken by the Government on Observation/ Recommendations 69th Report of Public Accounts Committee on "Issues relating to accounting of Cess/Levies".

Respected sir,

Please find attached above mentioned documents.

Regards,

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The point-wise OIDB's replies are as under:-

- (i) A copy of the order/ notification vide which the "Cess on crude oil" started getting accrued to the Consolidated Fund of India.

Reply:

Oil Industry (Development) Act, 1974 provides for establishment of Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB) for the development of Oil Industry and for that purpose levy a duty of excise on crude oil and natural gas as a cess. As per Section 16 of Oil Industry (Development) Act, 1974, the proceeds of the duties of excise levied under Section 15 shall first be credited to the Consolidated Fund of India and the Central Government may, if Parliament by appropriation made by law in this behalf, so provides, pay to the Board from time to time, from out of such proceeds, after deducting the expenses of collection, such sums of money as it may think fit for being utilized exclusively for the purposes of this Act.

- (ii) A copy of all communications between MOPNG & Ministry of Finance on the issue.

Reply: The communications made between MOPNG & Ministry of Finance relating to allocation of funds to OI DB out of cess collection on crude oil to meet its mandate as defined in Oil Industry (Development) Act 1974, are enclosed.

- (iii) Status of the implementation as well as funding of under mentioned six Projects.

Reply: Status of the implementation as well as funding of under mentioned six projects are as under:-

| (Rupees in crore) | | | |
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| Sl. No. | Project/Programme | Approximate fund | Present status |
| 1. | Appraisal of the unappraised areas of sedimentary Basins of India | 5103.50 | Initially there was a proposal of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas for funding of Appraisal of the unappraised areas of sedimentary Basins of India out of OI DB fund. However, subsequently, it was decided by the Government that Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) will carry out the seismic surveys at their own expenses, which will be reimbursed by the Government through budgetary allocation of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. |
| 2 | NGHP Expeditions-2 (total estimated cost of Rs. 616.98) | 308.00 | The Government of India has implemented an ambitious programme named National Gas Hydrate Programme (NGHP) for mapping gas hydrates for utilization as future alternate energy resource. |

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| | | | <p>National Gas Hydrate Programme (NGHP) R&D Expedition-02 had a total cost of Rs.641.95 crore out of which OIDB's share of expenditure was Rs.321 crore i.e. 50% of the total project cost. In pursuance of directives of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, OIDB had reimbursed its 50% share to the executing agencies of NGHP Expedition-02.</p> |
| 3. | Contribution to India Energy Insurance Pool (if it is decided by the Government to fund out of OIDB funds) | 1000.00 | <p>The Government of India had proposal for creating a Corpus to provide reinsurance facilities for Oil refineries. OI Board in its 86th meeting held on 04.09.2013 approved the proposal and the proposed MOU.</p> <p>In pursuance of OI Board's above decision, OI DB vide its letter dated 05.09.2013 had submitted the MOU to MoP&NG with a request to get the MOU concurred by IFD, MoP&NG and vetted by Ministry of Law & Justice and communicate Government approval.</p> <p>However, no directions in the matter were received by OI DB and no funding was made through OI DB.</p> |
| 4. | Additional requirement of funds for capex of phase 1 of Strategic storage caverns of ISPRL | 1303.70 | <p>No decision regarding funding of additional requirement for capex of phase-I of strategic storage caverns of ISPRL has been received by OI DB till date.</p> <p>However, as per CCEA decision, OI DB has invested an amount of rs.3790.05 crore in the equity of ISPRL towards capital cost for construction of Phase-I Strategic Storage Caverns at Visakhapatnam, Mangalore and Padur. The value of equity of OI DB is diluting over a period of time through depreciation. OI DB has not received any dividend so far on its investment.</p> |
| 5. | Construction of phase-II of Strategic Storage | 13216.00 | <p>As per Ministry's letter dated 02.11.2018, Cabinet on 27th June 2018 accorded 'in Principle' approval for</p> |

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| | Caverns by ISPRL | | establishment of additional 6.5 MMT Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPRs) by exploring PPP mode of project execution. The updated position in the matter may be obtained from IC Division, MoPNG. |
| 6. | Requirement of funds for OIDB loans to Oil Concerns | 2700.00 | <p>No funds were received from Government beyond 1991-92.</p> <p>OIDB has been providing loans to the Oil & Gas PSUs out of its internal resources.</p> <p>OID Board has sanctioned loan assistance of Rs.6058.47 crore to Oil & Gas PSUs which are to be disbursed during the financial years 2024-25 & 2025-26. Accordingly, after taking into consideration the internal resources, there will be an urgent requirement of additional funds to the tune of approx. Rs.1270 crore out of cess collection to meet the approved loans requirement of Oil & Gas PSUs and fresh loan application of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. for loan assistance of Rs.615 crore.</p> |
| | Total | 23631.20 | |

(iv) List of projects (OIDB) funded through GBS and the amounts of GBS

Reply: It is informed that OIDB has received Rs.902.40 crore out of cess collection on crude oil till 1991-92 and thereafter, no amount out of cess collection has been allocated to Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB). OIDB generates its internal resources by way of interest on loans to Oil and Gas PSUs. Since inception and till 31.03.2024, OIDB has provided accumulative loan assistance of Rs.49717 crore (approx.) to Oil and Gas PSUs and grant of Rs.5632 crore (approx.) to grantee organizations. In addition to the above, OIDB has also provide Rs.3790.05 crore to Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of OIDB, in the form of equity investment for established Special Purposes Vehicle of 5.33 MMT of three strategic petroleum reserves caverns located at Mangalore, Vishakhapatnam & Padur.