

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3624  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019

**Oil alliance of India and China**

3624. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian and Chinese oil Ministers decided to jointly purchase crude oil from the West Asia for better bargaining power by forming an oil alliance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how oil alliance is possible when there is a huge difference between India and China on crude buying patterns;
- (d) whether there are any plans to include Japan and Korea in the oil alliance; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (e): No alliance exists between India and any other country for jointly purchasing crude oil. Government of India interacts from time to time with various other countries to protect its energy security interests.

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