

## U.S - Russia Sanctions Bill & India

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### Why in News?

Recently, the U.S. House passed the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026 by 262-159, after Senate approval, sending it to President Trump.

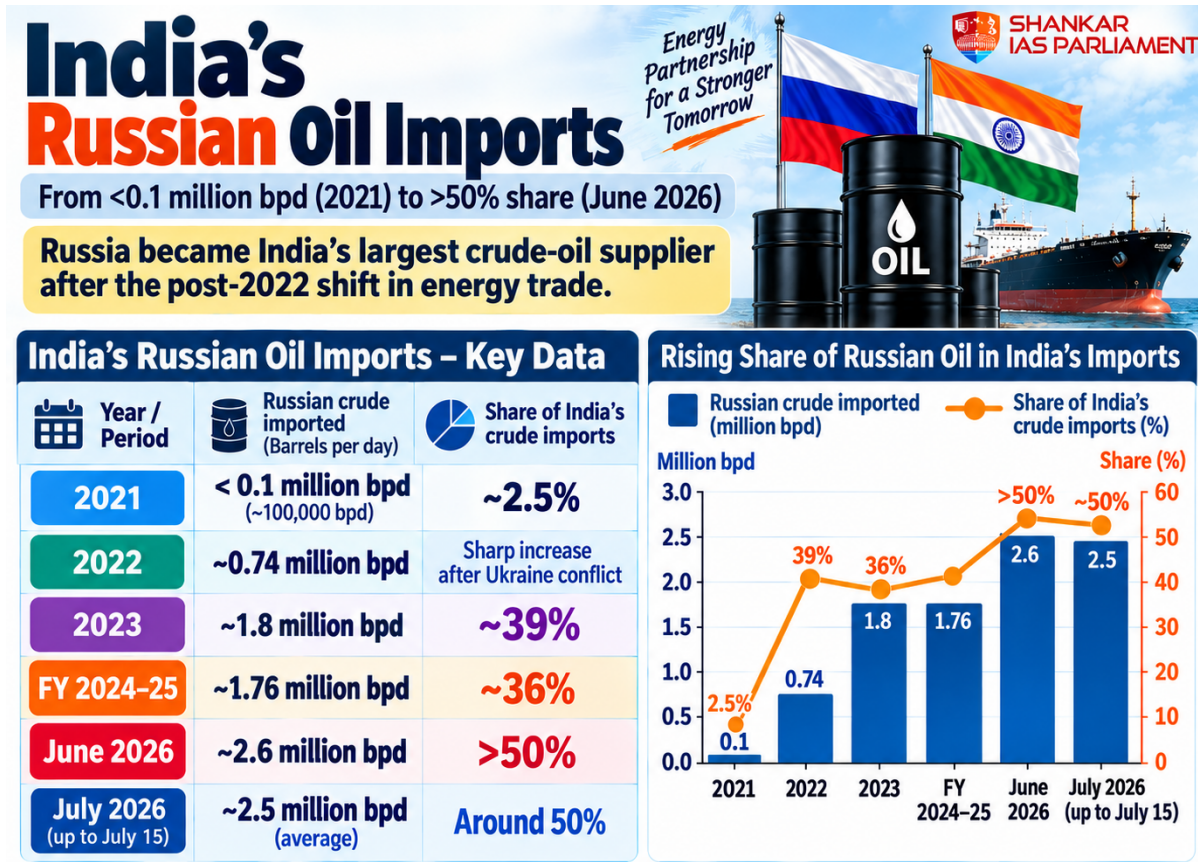
### Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026

- **Objective** - To intensify economic pressure on Russia, particularly its energy sector and mechanisms used to evade sanctions.
- **Major Targets**
  - Russian energy sector
  - Individuals and entities linked to Russia
  - “Shadow fleet” of tankers facilitating Russian oil shipments and sanctions evasion
  - Russian energy trade with third countries
  - Certain provisions also concern Iran
- **100% Tariff Provision** - The Bill authorises the US President to impose tariffs of up to 100% on countries that continue purchasing Russian energy.

*This provision does **not automatically impose tariffs on India**. Instead, it grants the President authority to levy tariffs if statutory conditions are satisfied.*

- **Countries at Risk of Tariffs** - A country may face tariffs if:
  - It is among the **top 5 importers by volume of Russian crude oil or natural gas** during the preceding 12 months; and
  - It knowingly makes new purchases of Russian crude oil after the specified 30-day period following enactment.
- Countries identified among the **top 5 facilitators of Russian oil sanctions evasion** may also be targeted.
- **Exemptions** - Tariffs may not apply if a country:
  - Takes significant steps to reduce Russian natural-gas imports, or
  - Imports less than 15% of Russia’s total natural-gas exports.
- **India’s Position** - India has emphasised:
  - Energy security
  - Diversification of energy sources

- Adaptation to changing market forces
- Protection of trade and economic interests
- India has also conveyed to US officials that such sanctions could affect India-US bilateral relations and global energy markets.



## Reference

[The Hindu | Russia Sanctions Bill](#)