

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
NATIONAL GAS HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY .

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Will the Minister of COAL, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government has been actively considering to set up National Gas Highway Development Authority on the lines of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI);
- (b) if so, the benefits likely to accrue by setting up a National Gas Highway Development Authority;
- (c) whether the nation wide expansion of the gas network for all the cities and towns would be targeted; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

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- (a) & (b): The proposal is under consideration. The proposed Authority would plan, develop, manage and regulate "Gas Highways" and concentrate on planning the development of gas pipeline infrastructure, especially in remote and under-developed regions, leading to a National Gas Grid.
- (c) & (d): Expansion of gas transportation infrastructure would encourage industrial growth in large parts of the country. Further, it would enable use of gas as Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in transport sector and as Piped Natural Gas (PNG) in domestic, commercial & industrial sectors in a large number of cities & towns. However, the actual coverage would depend on availability of gas and techno-economic feasibility of the Projects.