

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 938
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022

DEMAND TO INCREASE CNG AND PNG INFRASTRUCTURE

938. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to increase the present level of gas share in the country's fuel basket;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by Government to bring the gas share at par with the world average;
- (c) whether Government has failed to achieve the target of providing PNG connection to households in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the number of CNG/PNG stations proposed to be established in the rural and backward areas and time by when these stations are likely to be operationalized in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has set a target to raise the share of natural gas in energy mix to 15% in 2030 from about 6.3% now. To achieve the target, various initiatives have been taken which inter alia include the following:-

- i). Expansion of National Gas Grid to about 33,500 Km from current 21,715 Km.
- ii). Expansion of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network
- iii). Setting up of Liquefied Natural Gas Terminals.
- iv). Allocation of domestic gas to Compressed Natural Gas (Transport) / Piped Natural Gas (Domestic) in no cut category.
- v). Allowing marketing and pricing freedom to gas produced from high pressure/high temperature areas, deep water & ultra-deep water and from coal seams.
- vi). Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiatives to promote Bio-CNG.

(c) and (d) Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections and establishment of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations is part of the development of CGD network and the same is carried out by the entities authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB). The CNG Stations and PNG connections are being provided by authorized entities as per timelines prescribed by PNGRB from time to time. As on 31.05.2022, total 95.21 lakh PNG (Domestic) connections have been provided and 4531 CNG (Transport) stations have been established by the authorized entities. After completion of 11A city gas distribution (CGD) round, 295 Geographical Areas (GAs) have been authorized which inter alia covers 98% of India's population and 88% of its GAs. As per Minimum Work Programme, CGD entities authorized upto 11A round, have to provide 12.33 crore PNG connections and establish 17,700 CNG stations by 2030 including in rural and urban areas.
