

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1879
 ANSWERED ON-17/03/2025

PRICE OF CNG

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

- (a) CNG prices in 2014 and 2025 in metro cities, along with a State-wise price trend during the last five years;
- (b) the details of central taxes, levies, and import duties on CNG and their changes since 2019, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government has studied the impact of rising CNG prices on auto-rickshaw drivers, taxi operators, etc., and its findings;
- (d) whether Government's failure to regulate pricing has caused artificial inflation in CNG prices, and if not, the justification for the continuous hike; and
- (e) the details of policy reforms or subsidies proposed for CNG?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) The retail price of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in any city is determined by the City Gas Distribution (CGD) entity authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) after considering cost of gas procured, state taxes, tariff and other components.

Details of CNG prices in Delhi & Mumbai in 2014 and 2025 are as under:

CNG prices in Delhi			CNG prices in Mumbai		
Date of Price Revision		CNG Price (in Rs/kg)	Date of Price Revision		CNG Price (in Rs/kg)
In 2014-15	08.02.2014	35.20	In 2014-15	06-Sep-13	38.95
	03.05.2014	38.15		01-Nov-14	43.45
	02.04.2015	37.55		02-Apr-15	42.95
In 2024-25	22.06.2024	75.09	In 2024-25	9-July- 24	75.00
				22-Nov-24	77.00
				22-Dec-24	78.00

The indicative prices of CNG in four major metro cities for the last five years are provided in the **Annexure**.

(b) CNG is covered under Central Excise Duty which has remained constant at 14% since 2019. Natural Gas is imported as Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) which attracts a Basic Customs Duty (BCD) of 2.5% and surcharge of 10% on BCD which has remained constant since 2019.

(c) to (e) In order to minimise the impact of rising Natural Gas prices, the Government has approved the revised domestic natural gas pricing guidelines vide Gazette Notification dated 07.04.2023 for gas produced from nomination fields of ONGC/OIL, New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) blocks, and pre-NELP blocks, where the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) provides for Government approval of prices. Under the revised guidelines, the price of such natural gas is determined as 10% of the monthly average of the Indian Crude Basket and is notified on a monthly basis. For gas produced by ONGC and OIL from their nomination blocks, the APM price is subject to a floor of \$4.0/Metric Million British Thermal Unit (MMBTU) and a ceiling of \$6.5/MMBTU. This has led to price stability for consumers.

The Government has also taken several measures to support the CNG sector. These include allocating domestic gas on a priority basis to CNG (Transport) and PNG (Domestic) sectors, diverting gas from non-priority sectors to meet demand, and ensuring that gas from deepwater, ultra-deepwater, and high-pressure-high-temperature areas is prioritized for supply to the CNG (Transport) and PNG (Domestic) sectors, as per the notified guidelines.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1879 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025 REGARDING PRICE OF CNG.

CNG Price Trend in Delhi, Mumbai Kolkata & Chennai during last 5 Years

Delhi		Mumbai		Kolkata		Chennai	
Date of Price Revision	CNG Price (in Rs/kg)	Date of Price Revision	CNG Price (in Rs/kg)	Date of Price Revision	CNG Price (in Rs/kg)	Date of Price Revision	CNG Price (in Rs/kg)
02.03.2021	43.40	09-Feb-21	49.40	01.03.2021	67.67	07-Jan-21	51.35
08.07.2021	44.30	14-Jul-21	51.98	03.04.2022	69.99	01-Oct-21	53.35
29.08.2021	45.20	05-Oct-21	54.57	01.05.2022	76.58	04-Feb-22	54.35
02.10.2021	47.48	14-Oct-21	57.54	01.07.2022	81.61	15-Mar-22	57.85
13.10.2021	49.76	27-Nov-21	61.50	09.08.2022	89.25	28-Mar-22	58.85
14.11.2021	52.04	18-Dec-21	63.50	11.11.2022	91.83	01-Apr-22	61.85
04.12.2021	53.04	09-Jan-22	66.00	11.04.2023	90.80	08-Apr-22	63.85
12.01.2022	53.53	01-Apr-22	60.00	01.06.2023	91.75	17-Apr-22	66.00
15.01.2022	54.02	06-Apr-22	67.00	01.03.2024	92.75	03-May-22	68.00
24.01.2022	54.51	13-Apr-22	72.00	08.03.2024	90.25	21-May-22	71.00
29.01.2022	55.01	30-Apr-22	76.00	01.06.2024	91.75	04-Jun-22	73.00
12.02.2022	55.51	13-Jul-22	80.00	16.08.2024 till date	93.00	17-Jun-22	75.00
16.02.2022	56.01	03-Aug-22	86.00			05-Jul-22	77.00
19.02.2022	56.51	17-Aug-22	80.00			23-Jul-22	79.00
23.02.2022	57.01	04-Oct-22	86.00			02-Aug-22	84.00
08.03.2022	57.51	05-Nov-22	89.50			17-Aug-22	79.00
12.03.2022	58.01	01-Feb-23	87.00			03-Sep-22	82.00

24.03.2022	59.01	08-Apr-23	79.00			02-Oct-22	85.00
26.03.2022	60.01	02-Oct-23	76.00			02-Dec-22	87.00
01.04.2022	60.81	06-Mar-24	73.50			11-Jan-23	88.00
02.04.2022	61.61	09-Jul-24	75.00			04-Mar-23	89.00
04.04.2022	64.11	22-Nov-24	77.00			09-Apr-23	83.00
06.04.2022	66.61	22-Dec-24 till date	78.00			08-Jun-23	84.00
07.04.2022	69.11					08-Oct-23	85.00
14.04.2022	71.61					28-Nov-23	87.50
15.05.2022	73.61					16-Dec-23	88.50
21.05.2022	75.61					07-Mar-24	86.00
08.10.2022	78.61					15-Jun-24	87.50
17.12.2022	79.56					03-Aug-24	88.50
09.04.2023	73.59					20-Oct-24 till date	90.50
23.08.2023	74.59						
14.12.2023	76.59						
07.03.2024	74.09						
22.06.2024 till date	75.09						

Source: PPAC