

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 17/03/2025

EXPANSION OF CITY GAS DISTRIBUTION NETWORK

1881 # SHRI SUBHASH BARALA:
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the expansion of the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network across the country, including in the State of Tripura;
- (b) whether Government has provided any subsidy or incentive scheme for consumers switching from LPG to Piped Natural Gas (PNG);
- (c) if so, the details of the aforementioned subsidy or incentive scheme, the eligibility criteria and the number of beneficiaries; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure the availability of PNG in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections, establishment of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations and laying of pipeline infrastructure is part of development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Networks and the same is carried out by the entities authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) as per their Minimum Work Programme (MWP).

After completion of 12/12A CGD bidding round, PNGRB has authorized entities for the development of CGD network in 307 Geographical Areas (GAs), covering almost 100% of the mainland area (including the state of Tripura) for the development of CGD network across the country. As per MWP target, authorised entities have to provide approx. 12.6 crore PNG connections, 18,336 CNG Stations and 5.46 lakh inch-km pipeline by 2034 including in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. As on 31.1.2025, the authorized entities have provided 1.42 crore PNG Domestic (PNG (D)) connections, 7525 CNG Stations and laid 5.67 lakh inch-km pipeline.

PNGRB has authorized 5 GAs for development of CGD infrastructure in the state of Tripura with Minimum Work Programme (MWP) target of 2,39,314 domestic PNG connections, 124 CNG Stations and 1626 inch-km pipeline to be provided by 2030. As on 31.1.2025, the entities have provided 64,923 domestic PNG connections, 22 CNG Stations and 1898 inch-km pipeline in the state of Tripura.

(b) & (c) No subsidy/incentive is currently provided by Government for switching from LPG to PNG.

(d) Government has taken various steps to ensure the availability of Natural Gas to CNG (Transport) and PNG (Domestic) sector which includes allocating domestic gas on priority basis to CNG (T)/PNG (D); diverting domestic gas from non-priority sectors to meet the requirement for CNG (T)/PNG (D) sector, expansion of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network, expansion of National Gas Grid Pipeline, setting up of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminals, Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiatives to promote Bio-CNG, etc. Government has also notified that gas produced from discoveries in Deepwater, Ultra Deepwater and High Pressure-High Temperature areas, in any situation which may require proportionate distribution of the gas offered under the bidding process, the contractor shall offer gas to bidders belonging to CNG (T)/PNG (D) sector on priority.
