

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2525
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IMPLEMENTATION OF GAS PIPELINE TO THE HOUSEHOLDS

2525 SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) whether Government had taken decision to introduce gas pipeline in the Union Territory of Puducherry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the probable date of completion of the work;
- (d) whether all the households including rural and urban areas will be covered under the direct pipeline system; and
- (e) the benefit to the people in the introduction of gas pipeline against the existing system of supply of cylinder?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) to (d) Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections 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). PNGRB has authorized entities for the development of CGD network in 307 Geographical Areas (GAs), covering entire mainland area for the development of CGD network across the country including Union Territory of Puducherry.

PNGRB has authorised 4 Geographical Areas (GAs) (including 1 GA spread over Kerala & Puducherry & 1 GA spread over Puducherry & Tamil Nadu) covering the entire Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry with Minimum Work Programme (MWP) target of 8,59,820 domestic PNG connections and 3831 inch-km pipeline to be provided by 2030. As on 31.5.2025, the authorised entities have provided 12,159 domestic PNG connections and 2534 inch-km pipeline in Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry.

(e) The benefits of PNG (D) *vis-a-vis* cylinder include reliability because of uninterrupted supply with no booking hassles; space efficiency obviating the hassle of handling and storage, environment friendly having lower carbon content and safer fuel being lighter than air.
