

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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**SCHEME FOR SUPPLYING GAS TO THE HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH PIPELINE IN
SIKKIM**

2851. SHRI DORJEE TSHERING LEPCHA:

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

- (a) the current status of the scheme for supplying gas to the households through pipeline by Government in the state of Sikkim;
- (b) whether the issues being faced in laying of gas pipeline in the Himalayan areas of the State of Sikkim parliamentary constituency are in the cognizance of Government;
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to resolve such issues; and
- (d) the time by when the work of gas pipeline is likely to be completed in the state of Sikkim?

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 is part of the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Networks. This is carried out by the entities authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), as per their Minimum Work Programme (MWP) targets. PNGRB has authorized M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) under 12th round of CGD bidding in 2024 for the development of the CGD network in Sikkim State Geographical Area (GA). As per MWP targets, HPCL has to provided 1,77,399 PNG (Domestic) connections and set up 45 CNG stations by June 2032. This is a newly authorised GA and work on commissioning PNG(D) connections or CNG stations has not commenced so far. Further, in order to ensure supply of natural gas, PNGRB has authorised M/s Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL) to lay, build, operate and expand North East Natural Gas Pipeline Grid (NEGG) connecting Assam, Mizoram, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Sikkim. PNGRB has granted extension of completion schedule of NEGG by IGGL upto 31.03.2026.

IGGL has initiated the work of laying down of 195 km pipeline connecting Siliguri and Gangtok (out of which about 15.5 km of pipeline has been laid). However, IGGL has informed that they have been facing certain issues which have impacted the progress of work including hindrance faced on account of high compensation demand by local people in the Right of Way; safety concern and technical difficulty in laying pipeline in the hilly terrain between Bagrakote to Gangtok in NH717A due to continuous landslide and sinking zone in the pipeline route etc.

However, IGGL has been regularly interacting/ coordinating with the concerned government officials to resolve the issues. The Government of India has also been continuously reviewing / coordinating with the stakeholders to resolve the issues.
