

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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AVAILABILITY OF CNG IN KUSHINAGAR

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

- (a) the current status of the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network expansion across the country;
- (b) whether there are any subsidies or incentives available for consumers switching from LPG to PNG;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the estimated timeline for PNG availability in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities particularly in Kushinagar?

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 establishment of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations are part of development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Networks. This is carried out by entities authorized by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), as per their Minimum Work Programme (MWP).

After the completion of the 12/12A CGD bidding round, PNGRB has authorized entities for development of CGD network in 307 Geographical Areas (GAs), covering almost 100% of the mainland area for the development of CGD network across the country. As per MWP targets, authorised entities have to provide approximately 12.6 crore PNG domestic (PNG(D)) connections and set up 18,336 CNG Stations by 2034, including in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. As on 31.05.2025, the authorized entities have provided more than 1.50 crore PNG Domestic (PNG (D)) connections and established more than 8000 CNG Stations.

PNGRB has authorized Torrent Gas Limited for development of CGD network in GA of Gorakhpur, SantKabir Nagar and Kushinagar in the state of Uttar Pradesh. As Per Minimum Work Programme (MWP) target mandated by PNGRB, Torrent Gas is required to provide 1,78,200 PNG connections in the GA by September 2029. As of 31 May 2025, against the pro-rata target of 47,520 PNG (D) connections, 11,872 PNG (D) connections have been provided.

No subsidy/incentive is currently being provided by Government for switching from LPG to PNG.
