

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL GAS-BASED INDUSTRIES IN TRIPURA

141 # SHRI RAJIB BHATTACHARJEE:

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

- (a) whether any new policy is being adopted to increase the industrial use of natural gas resources available in the state of Tripura;
- (b) whether there is any plan to expand gas-based fertilizer plants, CNG stations, or piped gas supply networks in the State;
- (c) the steps being taken to provide employment opportunities to local youth through gas exploration and its production in the State; and
- (d) whether the Central Government is making any new progress in connecting Tripura to the Northeast Gas Grid?

ANSWER

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

(a) State Government of Tripura have informed that they have adopted a City Gas Distribution (CGD) policy in the year 2022.

(b) Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has authorized 2 CGD entities for the development of 5 Geographical Areas (GAs) in the State of Tripura. As per Minimum Work Programme (MWP) targets, authorized entities have to provide approximately 2,39,314 PNG domestic (PNG (D)) connections, set up 124 CNG Stations and lay 1,626 Inch-Km pipeline infrastructure by 2030 in the state of Tripura. As on 30.09.2025, the authorized entities have provided 67,487 PNG (D) connections, established 28 CNG Stations and laid 2184 Inch-Km pipeline in Tripura. The authorized CGD entities also supply natural gas to customers in industrial sector in their respective GAs as per the demand and techno-commercial viability. Further, as informed by Department of Fertilizer, there is presently no gas-based fertilizer plant (UREA and P&K) operated in the State of Tripura and therefore the question of expansion does not arise.

(c) State Government of Tripura has informed that the local youths are being recruited by various gas exploration and marketing companies. The local youths are also sent to those companies under PM Internship Scheme to get hands on experience. In addition, under National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) many youths especially the ITI pass-out students are sent for training and industrial experience.

(d) PNGRB has authorized North East Gas Grid (NEGG) project to Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited in November, 2020. The authorised length of the pipeline is 1,688 km, including 254 km in the State of Tripura.
