

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 3493
ANSWERED ON - 23/03/2026

OPERATIONALIZATION OF PNG AND CNG IN ODISHA

3493 SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA:

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

- (a) whether domestic PNG connections have been released in Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Puri since commissioning of the pipeline and if so, the number thereof;
- (b) whether CNG stations are operational in these cities and if so, the number thereof;
- (c) whether targets were fixed for PNG connections and the achievement against such targets; and
- (d) whether any delay has occurred in consumer-level rollout despite pipeline commissioning and the reasons therefor?

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, establishment of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations and laying of pipeline infrastructure is part of the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network, which is carried out by the entities authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) as per their Minimum Work Programme (MWP) in their respective Geographical Areas (GAs).

Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Puri fall under Cuttack District GA, Khordha District GA and Ganjam, Nayagarh & Puri Districts GA respectively. These GAs have been authorized by PNGRB to GAIL Gas Limited for development of CGD network. The GA-wise details of MWP targets and achievements in respect of PNG (D) connections, CNG stations and pipeline infrastructure as on 31.01.2026 are at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3493 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2026 REGARDING OPERATIONALIZATION OF PNG AND CNG IN ODISHA.

GA wise details of MWP targets and achievements in respect of PNG (D) connections, CNG stations and pipeline infrastructure as on 31.01.2026

| Geographical Area/ CGD Networks | Authorized CGD Entity | Date of Authorization | Date of Target Completion | PNG (D) connections | | CNG stations | | Pipeline Infrastructure- Inch KM | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | MWP Target | Achievements | MWP Target | Achievements | MWP Target | Achievements |
| Ganjam, Nayagarh & Puri Districts | GAIL Gas Limited | 06-09-2018 (New start date 01.01.2022) | 31-Mar-30 | 51000 | 8078 | 15 | 11 | 650 | 1149 |
| Khordha District | GAIL (India) Limited | 07-03-2018 (New start date 01.07.2020) | 31-Mar-27 | 26900 | 76911 | NA | 24 | 1513 | 1577 |
| Cuttack District | GAIL (India) Limited | 07-03-2018 (New start date 01.07.2020) | 31-Mar-27 | 28959 | 37931 | NA | 14 | 1416 | 873 |

(Source: PNGRB)
