

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION No.*339

TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd March, 2023

Piped Cooking Gas Supply

*339. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to connect all households with piped cooking gas in the cities/major cities in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT and city-wise;
- (b) the details of the cities in various parts of the country where Piped Natural Gas (PNG) facility has been made available for cooking, State/UT and district-wise, particularly in Maharashtra State, district-wise;
- (c) the number of cities to be provided/proposed with gas supply facility under PNG during the next two years, the State/UT and district-wise details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to implement the scheme in the city of Lucknow and Noida as well and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has received complaints of irregularities in the reading meter of piped cooking gas in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether it is a fact that piped cooking gas is more cheaper than LPG cylinder and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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**MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)**

- (a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *339 ASKED BY SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE, MP TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd MARCH, 2023.

(a) to (d) Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has authorized approximately 33,764 km length of Natural Gas Pipeline Network across the Country with the aim to create a national gas grid and increase the availability of natural gas across the Country. As on 31.12.2022, approximately 22,335 km pipeline is operational and 12,955 kms of pipeline is under construction.

Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections to the households are part of development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network and the same is carried out by the entities authorized by PNGRB. After completion of 11-A bidding round, 297 Geographical Areas (GAs) covering about 98% of the population, including slum dwellers and people living below the poverty line falling under these GAs, and 88% of total geographical area of the country spread over around 630 districts in 28 States/UTs, have been authorized by PNGRB for development of CGD Network. The PNG(D) connections have increased from about 25 lakhs in 2014 to about 65 lakhs in 2020 and further to more than 1 crore in 2022. The total length of CGD network laid (both steel and MDPE) rose from 1.38 lakh inch kms in 2018 to 3.74 lakh inch kms in March 2022 and further to 4.27 lakh inch kms in December 2022.

PNG connections are provided as per the Minimum Work Programme (MWP) mandated by PNGRB and techno-commercial feasibility. As per the MWP, after completion of 11-A bidding round, CGD entities have to provide 12.33 crore PNG connections across the country by 2030. As on 31.01.2023, 1.056 crore PNG connections have been provided by the CGD entities.

(e) Individual complaints received from time to time relating to delay in meter installation, default meter reading etc. are referred to the concerned authorised entity for suitable redressal at their end. Under PNGRB Act, the Board has jurisdiction to receive any complaint from any person and can conduct any inquiry and investigation connected with the activities relating to petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas on contravention of retail service obligations, marketing service obligations and display of retail price at retail outlets. Any complaint received by PNGRB is disposed as per the provisions of the Act and regulations framed thereunder.

(f) Current Prices of PNG and LPG are listed below:

Price as on 01.03.2023 (Delhi)	LPG	PNG
LPG per cylinder/ PNG per SCM	1103.00	53.59
In Rs/Million Kcal	68.7	53.5

In terms of calorific value of different petroleum products, current prices and Rs/million calories, PNG is generally cheaper per unit of energy consumed as compared to LPG. Depending upon local prices, conversion factor of the cooking stove, etc., PNG provides a positive competitive advantage over LPG.
