

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2723
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2023

Affordable Price for CNG

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) The steps taken by the Government to provide CNG at an affordable price;
- (b) the details of the CNG price hike during the last year, month-wise;
- (c) the policy adopted by the Government to expand the CNG coverage to the small towns across the country including West Bengal; and
- (d) the details of the CNG stations set up in the State of Assam, Bihar and West Bengal during the last three years?

ANSWER

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(श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) & (b): The price of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in any location is fixed by the CGD entity authorised by PNGRB after considering cost of gas procured, states taxes, tariff and other components.

The cost of gas depends on a number of dynamic factors, and the Government of India has taken various initiatives to keep prices under check. While the gas prices at the international gas indices (JKM) have increased by up to 228% between January 2021 and February 2023, in India the CNG price rise (Delhi representative market) was restricted to about 83%. To reduce the impact of increase in international gas prices on CNG prices in India, Government has taken various steps, including increasing domestic gas allocation to about 250% of the allocation in 2013-14, diverting domestic gas from power and other non-priority sectors to meet the requirement for CNG(Transport) and PNG(Domestic) segments, declaring CNG(T)/PNG(D) segment as the first priority for allocation of domestic natural gas, etc.

The price of CNG since April, 2022 for Delhi and Mumbai are given as under:

Delhi		Mumbai	
Dates of Revision	Price in Rs/Kg	Dates of Revision	Price in Rs/Kg
1.4.2022	60.81	01-Apr-22	60
02.04.2022	61.61	06-Apr-22	67
04.04.2022	64.11	13-Apr-22	72
06.04.2022	66.61	30-Apr-22	76
07.04.2022	69.11	13-Jul-22	80
14.04.2022	71.61	03-Aug-22	86
15.05.2022	73.61	17-Aug-22	80
21.05.2022	75.61	04-Oct-22	86
08.10.2022	78.61	05-Nov-22	89.5
17.12.2022 -till date	79.56	01-Feb-23 -till date	87

(c) & (d): Establishment of CNG stations is part of development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Networks and the same is being carried out by the entities authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB). After completion of 11-A CGD bidding round, 297 Geographical Areas (GAs) covering about 98% of the population and 88% of total geographical area of the Country spread over around 630 districts in 28 states/UTs including small towns across the country and West Bengal, have been issued authorisation for setting up CGD Network.

The details of CNG stations set up in the State of Assam, Bihar and West Bengal during the last three years are as under:

Sl.No.	State	Number of CNG Stations (cumulative)		
		As on 31.01.2021	As on 31.01.2022	As on 31.01.2023
1	Assam	1	1	2
2	Bihar	10	33	75
3	West Bengal	10	30	45
