LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3873 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd MARCH, 2023 **PNG Status in Uttar Pradesh**

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) the time by which the process for laying Piped Natural Gas (PNG) pipeline in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh is likely to be completed;

(b) whether the Government is likely to consider laying these gas pipelines in towns and villages falling within 100 to 200 kms of the said city;

(c) if so, whether any such proposal is pending with the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether the Government is likely to take *suo motu* cognizance and take action in this regard in the interest of the villagers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

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

(a) to (d) Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections is part of the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network and the same is carried out by the entities authorised by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB). After completion of 11-A CGD bidding round, authorization for CGD has been issued for entire Uttar Pradesh including Lucknow.

The development of CGD network, including providing of PNG connections are carried out by the CGD entities as per the Minimum Work Programme (MWP) targets provided by the PNGRB and techno - commercial feasibility. The authorised entity is mandated to provide 4.94 lakh PNG connections in Lucknow Geographical Area. As on 31.01.2023, 99,656 PNG connections have been provided in this GA by the CGD entity.
