

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 22  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2023

**Natural Gas Demand**

22. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that country's demand of natural gas by 2030 would reach by 326 million standard cubic metres per day against current 4-5 per cent growth rate which is much lower than the expected/projected 611 MMSCMD of consumption to meet the energy mix goal;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government to overcome the inadequate gas pipeline network and execution delays of under-construction projects to achieve 15 per cent share of natural gas therefor; and;
- (c) the plan and status to attend 100 per cent city gas distribution in all cities of the country?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री  
(श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

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

(a)& (b) The Government has set a target to raise the share of natural gas in energy mix to 15% in 2030 from about 6.7% now. Various steps taken by the Government in this direction include expansion of National Gas Grid Pipeline, expansion of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network, setting up of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminals, allocation of domestic gas to Compressed Natural Gas (Transport) / Piped Natural Gas (Domestic) CNG(T)/PNG(D) in no cut category, allowing marketing and pricing freedom to gas produced from high pressure/high temperature areas, deep water & ultra-deep water and from coal seams, Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiatives to promote Bio-CNG, etc..

PNGRB has authorised approximately 33,592 km natural gas pipeline network across the country out of which 23,173 km natural gas pipeline including spur lines, tie-in connectivity, Sub-Transmission Pipelines (STPL) and dedicated pipelines are operational and a total of 12,206 km length of pipelines is under various stages of construction.

(c) Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has authorized 300 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 for development of CGD network across the country.

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