

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2365
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd August, 2023

Piped Natural Gas

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether Piped Natural Gas (PNG) supply has been started on a large scale in urban areas, while its coverage in rural areas is still limited and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the distribution of PNG through lines is mainly focussed on urban areas as a result of which most of the rural areas face lack of access to PNG and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether prior to order of National Green Tribunal (NGT), Officers of PNG gas companies used to go to entrepreneurs and provide facility of connection and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether after passing the orders by NGT, Officers and employees of PNG gas companies are facing challenges in their capacity of providing connections to entrepreneurs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections are part of the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network and the same is carried out by the entities authorised as per the Minimum Work Programme (MWP) targets provided by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) and techno-commercial feasibility. As on 31.05.2023, 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 including rural areas have been authorized by PNGRB. As per MWP target, authorised entities have to provide approx. 12.5 crore PNG connections by 2030 including in rural and urban areas. The authorized entities also supply natural gas to customers including entrepreneurs in industrial and commercial sector in their GAs as per the demand and techno-commercial viability.
