

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2026

TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2023

Supply of Pipeline Gas

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the number of cities in the country wherein gas is being supplied through pipeline along with the rate at which the gas is being provided and the time by which the said work is targeted to be completed in the remaining metropolitan cities of the country;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to supply gas through pipeline to all the district headquarters of the country;
- (c) if not, whether the Government is likely to consider this proposal and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce dependence on biofuels; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to set up a gas grid in the country and the time by which all the cities of the country having population of more than fifty thousand are likely to be connected to this gas grid?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c) Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections are part of the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network and the same is being carried out by the entities authorised by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB). After completion of 11A CGD bidding round, 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 metropolitan cities and district headquarters situated within the GAs, have been covered under the CGD network.

As per Minimum Work Plan (MWP) target, determined by PNGRB, authorized entities have to provide approx. 12.50 crore PNG connections across the country by 2032.

In order to further expand the reach of natural gas in the country, PNGRB has launched the 12th and 12A CGD Bidding Rounds, covering the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Manipur and remaining parts of Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir and the entire UT of Ladakh.

(d) Government has notified “National Policy on Biofuels, - 2018” with the aim to increase usage of biofuels in the energy and transportation sectors of the country thereby increasingly substitute fossil fuel to contribute to National energy security and climate change mitigation.

(e) With the aim to create a National Gas Grid and increase the availability of natural gas across the country, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has authorised approximately 33,592 km Natural Gas Pipeline network across the country. Out of this, 23,173 km Natural Gas pipelines 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. The authorized CGD entities have also laid a total of 4.7 lakh inch Kms of Steel and MDPE pipelines to connect consumers in their GAs. Further, PNGRB has set a MWP of about 5.42 lakh inch Kms to be laid by the entities to connect consumers in their authorized GAs including those in cities with population more than 50,000.
