

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 714**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**Development of Natural Gas Infrastructure**

714. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) the details on the development of natural gas infrastructure in the country, particularly in the State of West Bengal, including pipelines and distribution networks during the last four years and the current year;

(b) whether there are plans for expanding the availability of natural gas for domestic, industrial and commercial use; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections and establishment of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) station 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,, PNGRB has authorized 300 Geographical Areas (GAs) (including 10 GAs in the state of West Bengal) 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 the state of West Bengal for development of CGD network across the country. Progress of CGD network including pipeline during the last four years in the state of West Bengal is as under:

As on	PNG Domestic Connections (Nos.)	CNG Stations (Nos.)	Pipeline (Inch-Km)
31.03.2020	0	0	0
31.03.2021	0	15	96
31.03.2022	0	37	320
31.03.2023	260	68	1702

Laying of natural gas pipelines is done by entities authorised by PNGRB. As on date, following three pipelines have been authorised by PNGRB which pass through the state of West Bengal out of which one pipeline is partially commissioned and two pipelines are under construction. Details are at Annexure-I.

Further, PNGRB has launched 12<sup>th</sup> 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 & Kashmir and entire UT of Ladakh.

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**Annexure-I****ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 714 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE.****Under construction natural gas pipeline passing through the state of West Bengal**

Name of Natural Gas Pipeline	Authorised Entity	Date of Authorization	Authorized Length (KM)	Authorized Capacity (MMSCMD)	Target date of completion	States from which pipeline passes
North-East Natural Gas Pipeline Grid	IGGL	17.11.2020	1,656	4.75	March 2025	Assam, Mizoram, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya & Sikkim, West Bengal
Kanai - Chhata - Panitar	HPPL	08.07.2019	317	19.20	May 2023	West Bengal

**Partially commissioned natural gas pipeline passing through the state of West Bengal**

Name of Natural Gas Pipeline	Authorised Entity	Date of Authorization	Authorized Length (KM)	Authorized Capacity (MMSCMD)	Operating Length (KM)	Under Const. Length (KM)	Target date of completion	States from which pipeline passes
Jagdishpur-Haldia-BokaroDhamra-Paradip-Barauni-Guwahati	GAIL	29.01.2018	3,546	23.00	2922.77	623.23	December 2023	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Assam

Source: PNGRB

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