

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1265
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020
Use of CNG/PNG

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote the use of CNG/PNG in order to control pollution and if so, the names of the cities in Maharashtra provided with the facility of CNG/PNG till date;
- (b) the names of cities proposed to be provided with CNG/PNG facility; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open CNG/PNG centre in Vardha and Amaravati of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b) Development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) networks supports the availability and accessibility of natural gas in form of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to households, industrial and commercial users and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for transportation uses which reduce dependence on polluting fuels, including biomass fuels (wood, dung or agricultural residues), kerosene, petrol, diesel, coal etc. Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) is the authority to grant authorization to the entities for developing of CGD network in Geographical Areas (GAs). PNGRB identifies GAs for authorizing the development of CGD network in synchronization with the development of natural gas pipeline connectivity and natural gas availability. So far PNGRB has authorized 232 GAs for development of CGD network across the country covering more than 400 districts in the country in 27 States/UTs. Details of GAs authorized in the country including 14 GAs covering 20 districts in the state of Maharashtra are available at PNGRB's website www.pngrb.gov.in.

(c) PNGRB has informed that no CNG/PNG stations are operational in Vardha and Amaravati of Maharashtra and the same will be covered for development of CGD network in bidding rounds subject to techno-commercial viability, natural gas pipelines connectivity and natural gas availability.
