

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2725  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022**

Expansion of CNG/PNG Network

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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 expand the coverage of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Network across the country;
- (b) if so, the present status of distribution in cities with PNG and CNG network;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to cover more districts and geographical regions under the scheme till date; and
- (d) the details of the bilateral agreements of foreign projects between India and other countries in petroleum and gas sector along with the present status of these projects?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): Till now, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has authorized 228 Geographical Areas (GAs), comprising 407 districts in 27 States/Union Territories covering 53 per cent of the geographical area and 70 per cent of its population, for the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) networks in the country. As on 31.01.2022, total 89,98,132 PNG connections have been provided and 3878 CNG stations commissioned across the country by the authorized entities.

Recently, in the 11th CGD bidding round, PNGRB received bids against 61 GAs covering 215 (212 full & 3 part) districts and Letters of Intent (LoIs) have been issued for all GAs. Further, PNGRB has invited bid on 07.01.2022 for 5 GAs covering 27 districts under the 11A CGD Bidding Round. After completion of all the bidding rounds 98% of population & 88% of geographical area of the country will be covered.

(d): The details of the bilateral agreements of foreign projects between India and other countries in petroleum and gas sector are as follows:

i). Under the bilateral agreement between India and Nepal, India has constructed a transnational petroleum product pipeline from India to Nepal, the MoU between Government of India and Government of Nepal was signed on 24th August 2015. The Motihari - Amlekhgunj Petroleum Products Pipeline (MAPL) from India to Nepal was inaugurated on 10th September 2019.

ii). A bilateral agreement for constructing a transnational petroleum product pipeline from India to Bangladesh was signed on 09th April 2018. The 'Indo-Bangla Friendship Pipeline (IBFPL) is to extend from Siliguri in India to Parbatipur in Bangladesh.

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