

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4728
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st March, 2022

City Gas Distribution Network

4728 **SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:**

Will the Minister of *Petroleum and Natural Gas* be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network to all the smart cities in the country;

(b) if so, the timeframe fixed for the same;

(c) the details of the households having Petroleum Natural Gas (PNG) connection and the details of proposed expansion of PNG connections in Uttar Pradesh along with the timeline fixed for the purpose;

(d) whether some of Ujjawal beneficiaries are also getting PNG connection instead of LPG cylinder;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, whether the Government has any proposal to give PNG Connections to the Ujjawal beneficiaries in the near future to replace the LPG cylinder and if so, the details thereof;

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Establishment of CNG station and providing PNG connection are a part of development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network and the same is carried out by the entities authorized by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB). After 11th CGD Bidding Round, PNGRB has authorized / issued Letters of Intent for 289 Geographical Area (GA). Further under 11th A CGD bidding round, PNGRB has invited bids for 6 GAs covering 28 districts in 6 states / UT. After the completion of 11th and 11th A CGD bidding rounds, CGD network shall potentially cover 98% of population and 88% of geographical area of the country including smart cities situated within the GAs. As per Minimum Work Programme (MWP) authorized entities have committed to provide 38,92,142 PNG connections in Uttar Pradesh. As on 31.01.2022, there are 11.35 Lakh PNG connections in the State of Uttar Pradesh. After the 11th and 11th A rounds, Uttar Pradesh will be fully covered under the CGD network as per the MWP to be fulfilled by the entities in the prescribed time limit of 8-10 years from the date of authorization.

(d) to (f) Pradhan Mantri UjjwalaYojana (PMUY) was launched in May 2016, with an objective to make clean cooking fuel such as LPG available to the rural and deprived households which were otherwise using traditional cooking fuels such as fire wood, coal, cow dung, etc. As on 31.01.2022, under the PMUY, 9 Crore LPG connections have been given to BPL households. At present, there is no any proposal to give PNG connections in lieu of LPG connections to the Ujjwala beneficiaries.
