

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4509
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025

Setting up of New Petrol Pumps/Gas Agencies in Mohanlalganj

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the plans for establishing new petrol pumps and gas agencies in Mohanlalganj;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the sale and distribution of petroleum products in the region;
- (c) the number of LPG connections distributed under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in Mohanlalganj;
- (d) whether any special efforts are being made to enhance the accessibility and availability of LPG gas cylinders in the region and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the plans for expanding Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Piped Natural Gas (PNG) facilities in the region;
- (f) the steps taken to establish CNG stations and provide PNG connections in Mohanlalganj;
- (g) whether there are any plans for research and development in the petroleum and gas sector in the region, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) whether the efforts are being made for better utilization and management of petroleum products, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(a) to (h) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have issued advertisement in the year 2023 for setting up of Retail Outlets across the country. In response to this advertisement, Public Sector OMCs have issued Letter of intents (LOIs) for 58 locations in Mohanlalganj Constituency area out of which 6 ROs have been commissioned. As on 01.03.2025, PSU OMCs have a network of 133 ROs in the Mohanlalganj Constituency area.

Under Unified Guidelines for selection of LPG Distributorships 2016, 33 locations have been advertised in the Lucknow and Sitapur districts which covers Mohanlalganj constituency, out of which 30 locations have been commissioned.

As on 01.03.2025, the details of existing LPG distributorship in districts under Mohanlalganj Parliamentary Constituency are given below.

District	IOC	BPC	HPC	Total
LUCKNOW	61	32	24	117
SITAPUR	51	26	17	94

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched in May 2016 with an objective to provide deposit free LPG connection to Adult Women from poor households across the country.

To make LPG more affordable to PMUY consumers and ensure sustained usage of LPG by them, Government started a targeted subsidy of Rs.200/- per 14.2 kg cylinder for up to 12 refills per annum (and proportionately pro-rated for 5 Kg connections) to the PMUY consumers in May 2022. In October 2023, Government increased the targeted subsidy to Rs.300 per 14.2 kg cylinder for up to 12 refills per annum (and proportionately pro-rated for 5 Kg connections). After a targeted subsidy of Rs. 300/cylinder to PMUY consumers, Government of India is providing 14.2 Kg LPG cylinders at an effective price of Rs.503 per cylinder (in Delhi). This is available to more than 10.33 crore Ujjwala beneficiaries, across the country including Mohanlalganj.

In order to improve access to LPG across the country, various steps have been taken, inter alia, including organizing campaigns for improving awareness about PMUY, organizing melas/camps to enroll and distribute connections, promotion through Out of Home Hoardings(OOHY), Radio Jingles, Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Vans etc., spreading awareness about advantages of using LPG over other conventional fuels and safe usage of LPG through LPG Panchayats, enrolment/awareness camps under Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, facilitation of consumers and their families for Aadhar enrolment and opening of Banks accounts for granting PMUY connections..

As on 01.03.2025, the details of PMUY Connections released in Lucknow and Sitapur districts (which covers Mohanlalganj Parliamentary constituency) are as below :-

District	Number of PMUY Connections	Number of Domestic connections
Lucknow	2.54 lakh	14.94 lakh
Sitapur	6.01 lakh	10.16 lakh

Source: IOCL on industry basis

Establishment of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations and Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections is part of the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network and the same is being carried out by the entities authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB). Authorization for CGD has been issued by PNGRB for Lucknow Geographical Area which covers Mohanlalganj constituency. As on

31.01.2025, 1,32,464 PNG connections and 46 CNG Stations have been provided in this GA by the CGD entity.

The existing research and development centers of PSU OMCs carry out research and development in oil and gas sector which are useful for the entire country. There is no proposal currently under consideration to carry out research and development in Petroleum and Gas sector in Mohanlalganj region alone.

PSUOMCs augment/improve the distribution and supplies of Petroleum Products on continuous basis through various measures such as expansion of their pipelines thereby reducing dependence on road tankers, reducing costs and emissions, expanding their network of ROs and LPG dealerships, digital monitoring of fuel storage tanks for optimal inventory management etc.
