

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 558
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2025
SHORTAGE OF CNG IN UDUPI, KARNATAKA

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of CNG in Udupi district, Karnataka forcing auto-rickshaw drivers to wait in long queues in front of CNG Pumps and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to resolve this issue and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the CNG pipeline issue would be resolved to facilitate direct CNG supply in the district; and
- (d) whether any steps are being taken to ensure adequate CNG supply to the Pumps through direct pipelines in Udupi district and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
(श्री सुरेश गोपी)

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

(a) to (d) Establishment of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations is part of the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network and the same is carried out by the CGD entities authorized by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) as per their Minimum Work Programme (MWP) which include creation of pipeline infrastructure and other facilities for the supply of PNG (Domestic) and CNG (Transport). Udupi District Geographical Area (GA) has been authorized to Adani Total Gas Limited (ATGL) for the development of CGD network. The MWP target for the entity is to establish 11 CNG station in the GA by 2030. As on 30.11.2024, against the pro-rata target of establishing 3 CNG stations, the entity has established 10 CNG stations in the Udupi district GA.

As per PNGRB, ATGL has informed about delay in connectivity of their City Gas Station (CGS) in Panambur, Mangalore with GAIL's Kochi-Koottanad-Bangalore-Mangalore natural gas trunk pipeline owing to long pending permission issue with M/s Kudremukh Iron Ore Company. Further, ATGL has also informed that due to lack of pipeline connectivity, they are catering this demand through cascades from neighbouring GA and have also increased their cascade capacity.
