

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 621
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6th February, 2025**

Status of City Gas Distribution Project in Puducherry

621. SHRI VE VAITHILINGAM:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the present status of the City Gas Distribution project;
- (b) the number of cities identified for the implementation of City Gas Distribution, the number of cities covered by the City Gas project and the number of households connected under this scheme, year-wise; and
- (c) whether Puducherry has been included in the City Gas Distribution scheme, if so, the details of the implementation of this work along with the present status in respect of Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions?

ANSWER

**पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री
(श्री सुरेश गोपी)**

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

(a) & (b) Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections and establishment of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations are 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) as per their Minimum Work Programme (MWP). After completion of 12/12A CGD bidding round, PNGRB has authorized entities for the development of CGD network in 307 Geographical Areas (GAs), including cities falling within the GA, covering almost 100% of the mainland area for the development of CGD network across the country. As on 30.11.2024, the authorized entities have established 7,395 CNG stations and provided 1.39 crore PNG (Domestic) connections across the country. The year-wise number of households connections in the country are as follows:

	March, 2018	March, 2019	March, 2020	March, 2021	March, 2022	March, 2023	March, 2024
PNG (D) Connections (in lakh)	42.02	54.04	65.59	78.2	93.03	1,10.29	1,29.23

(c) PNGRB has authorised 4 Geographical Areas (GAs) (including 1 GA spread over Kerala & Puducherry & 1 GA spread over Puducherry & Tamil Nadu) covering all the districts in State / Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry. The GA-wise details of CGD Network in Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam as on 30.11.2024 is at **Annexure-I**.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 621 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025 REGARDING STATUS OF CITY GAS DISTRIBUTION PROJECT IN PUDUCHERRY

(GA-wise details of CGD Projects in Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam)

Sl No.	Geographical Area/ CGD Networks	State/Union Territory	Authorized CGD Entity	Date of Authorization	Domestic PNG Connections			CNG Stations		
					MWP Target	Pro-Rata Target	Achieve ment	CNG MWP Target	Pro-Rata Target	Achievement
1.	Kannur, Kasaragod & Mahe Districts	Kerala & Puducherry	Indian- Oil Adani Gas Private Limited	14-Sep-18	367176	61196	7745	125	31	25
2.	Karaikal & Nagapattinam Districts	Puducherry & Tamil Nadu	Torrent Gas Private Limited	28-Sep-18	166644	52771	456	27	13	8
3.	Puducherry District	Puducherry	East Coast Gas Private Limited	25-Sep-18	275000	45833	0	130	33	2
4.	Yanam	Puducherry	HCG Yanam Private Limited	08-Aug-22	51000	5950	0	51	9	8
Total:					859820	165750	8201	333	86	43

(Source – PNGRB)
