

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1984**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2025**

**PNG NETWORK IN TAMIL NADU**

1984. SHRI C N ANNADURAI:  
SHRI SELVAM G:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to lay a Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network across the State of Tamil Nadu under the City Gas Distribution (CGD) project or any other initiative and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the names of the cities/towns in Tamil Nadu where PNG service is currently operational;
- (c) whether any specific measures are being taken to expedite the implementation of PNG in uncovered districts of Tamil Nadu particularly in rural and semi-urban areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has put any monitoring mechanism in place to ensure timely implementation and safety compliance during PNG network development in Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

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

(a) to (e) Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections and laying of pipeline infrastructure is part of development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Networks and the same is carried out by the entities authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) as per their Minimum Work Programme (MWP).

PNGRB has authorized 18 Geographical Areas (GAs) including (1 GA spread over Puducherry (UT) & Tamil Nadu and 1 GA spread over Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka), in the state of Tamil Nadu with Minimum Work Programme (MWP) target of 2,30,94,884 domestic PNG (D) connections and 37,374 inch-Km pipeline to be provided by 2032. As on 31.05.2025, the authorised entities have provided 98,878 PNG(D) connections

and laid 17,189 inch-Km pipelines. The GAs wise details of domestic Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections as on 31.05.2025 in the state of Tamil Nadu are at **Annexure**.

The Government and PNGRB monitor the progress of CGD networks based on reports submitted by the entities. If there are any delays or shortfalls, the PNGRB advises the entity to take corrective action. This includes calling them for progress review meetings or statutory hearings under existing regulations to discuss challenges and the latest updates on their MWP targets in authorized GAs.

To ensure safe operations, the authorized entities carry out periodic health assessment of pipelines as per Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Network) Regulations, 2009 (T4S regulations) and PNGRB (Integrity Management System for City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Network) Regulations, 2013 (IMS regulations) and their fitness for purpose is assessed on prescribed frequency. Monitoring, Survey, Inspection, Assessments and Maintenance of pipelines are being carried in line with T4S Regulations, IMS regulations and Oil Industry Safety Directorate Standards. Additionally, the authorized entities undertake various awareness/educational programme to propagate the benefits of PNG and the safety protocols among people.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTIONNO. 1984 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY2025 REGARDINGPNG NETWORK IN TAMIL NADU.**

**Details of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) Connections and Pipeline Infrastructure in the sate of Tamil Nadu - as on 31.5.2025**

S.No	Geographical Area/ CGD Networks	State/Union Territory	Authorized CGD Entity	Date of Authorization	Domestic		Pipeline Infrastructure-Inch KM	
					MWP Target	Achievement	Pipeline MWP Target	Total
1.	The Nilgiris and Erode districts	Tamil Nadu	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited	15-Mar-22	884777	18882	1316	738
2.	Dindigul and Karur districts		Megha City Gas Distribution Private Limited	15-03-2022 (New Start date 01.01.2023)	1008000	0	3510	67
3.	Kanyakumari, Thoothukudi, TirunelveliKattabo and Tenkasi districts		Indian Oil Corporation Limited	23-03-2022 (New Start date 01.01.2023)	2939842	2201	2001	729
4.	Madurai, Theni and Virudhnagar districts		Indian Oil Corporation Limited	23-03-2022 (New Start date 01.01.2023)	2846696	2178	2001	738
5.	Pudukottai, Sivaganga and Thanjavur districts		Megha City Gas Distribution Private Limited	23-03-2022 (New Start date 01.07.2023)	1400004	0	6498	187
6.	Namakkal and Tiruchirapalli districts		IRM Energy Private Limited	15-03-2022 (New Start date 01.04.2024)	1774000	624	1450	456
7.	Ariyalur and Perambalur districts		Megha City Gas Distribution Private Limited	15-03-2022 (New Start date 01.04.2023)	419400	0	1530	117
8.	Tiruvannamalai, Villupuram and Kallakkurichi districts		Megha City Gas Distribution Private Limited	09-03-2022 (New Start date 01.04.2023)	1323000	0	2520	47
9.	Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts		Indian Oil Corporation Limited	23-03-2022 (New Start date 01.01.2023)	1619227	1753	1201	555
10.	Tiruppur District		Adani Total Gas Limited	13-09-2018 (New start date 01.04.2022)	375005	851	829	590
11.	Salem District		Indian Oil Corporation Limited	12-09-2018 (New start date 01.04.2022)	337062	4593	1368	701

12.	Ramanathapuram District	Tamil Nadu	AGP CGD India Private Limited	26-Sep-18	41311	4846	251	455
13.	Cuddalore, Nagapattinam&Tiruvarur Districts		Adani Total Gas Limited	13-09-2018 (New start date 01.04.2022)	300089	0	839	136
14.	Coimbatore District		Indian Oil Corporation Limited	12-09-2018 (New start date 01.04.2022)	912783	38362	2500	3063
15.	Chennai & Tiruvallur Districts		Torrent Gas Chennai Private Limited	07-09-2018 (New start date 01.04.2020)	3300000	2958	6666	2433
16.	Kanchipuram District		AGP CGD India Private Limited	26-09-2018 (New start date 01.04.2022)	1151111	5218	668	2011
17.	Karaikal&Nagapattinam Districts	Puducherry& Tamil Nadu	Torrent Gas Limited	28-Sep-18	166644	532	495	329
18.	Chittoor, Kolar and Vellore Districts	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka & Tamil Nadu	AGP City Gas Private Limited	24-04-2019 (New start date 01.04.2022)	2295933	15880	1731	3836
<b>Total CGD Networks authorized by PNGRB</b>					<b>2,30,94,884</b>	<b>98,878</b>	<b>37,374</b>	<b>17,189</b>