

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 745
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th December, 2025

CNG DISTRIBUTION

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that poor rickshaw drivers and light vehicle owners whose CNG are queuing up in kilometer-long queues in front of petrol pumps, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the reasons for the delay in providing a new agency even though distributors are waiting for additional CNG distribution;
- (c) the plan of the Union Government to provide full distribution to the minimum number of CNG distributors; and
- (d) the reasons for the delay in installing the LNG pipeline through Kudremukh in Karnataka?

ANSWER

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**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). After the completion of the 12/12A CGD bidding round, PNGRB has authorized entities for development of CGD network in 307 Geographical Areas (GAs), covering the entire mainland area for the development of CGD network across the country.

As per the MWP, the authorized entities are committed to establish 18,336 CNG stations across the country by 2034. As on 30.09.2025, the entities have established 8,357 CNG Stations against the pro-rata target of establishing 5,826 CNG Stations. CGD entities are continuously adding new CNG stations, including through company-owned company-operated (COCO), dealer-owned dealer-operated (DODO) etc., based on their MWP and on the basis of techno-commercial feasibility, demand and availability of natural gas. A large number of CNG outlets have been set up at existing Retail Outlets of OMCs.

Further, as informed by CGD entities, occasional queues are observed in the Retail Outlets during peak hours due to sudden demand surges or operational constraints; however, CGD entities are continuously taking measures to enhance CNG station efficiency by installing adequate dispenser units and ensuring better coordination of gas supplies to reduce customer wait times. Further, PNGRB has advised the CGD entities to upgrade their Daughter Booster

Station (DBS) CNG stations to Online stations. The Online CNG station helps in faster filling of vehicles and thereby resulting in reduction of queuing.

Government also monitors 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.

With the aim to increase the availability of natural gas across the Country, PNGRB has authorized approximately 34,233 km length of Natural Gas Pipeline Network across the Country to create a national gas grid and to implement “One Nation One Gas Grid”. The length of operational pipeline is 25,429 Kms in June, 2025. 10,459 Kms length of pipelines is under various stages of construction. In addition to this, CGD entities have laid 6,20,428 Inch-Km pipeline to cover their local network within their respective GAs.

Kudremukh falls in Chikkamagaluru district which is a part of Chikkamagaluru, Hassan and Kodagu Districts GA. The GA has been authorized to AGP City Gas Private Limited (AGP) for development of CNG network. Supply of natural gas to the said GA is being done through Dabhol-Bangalore Natural Gas Pipeline which is operational. Development of local distribution pipeline network inside the GA limits for the transmission of natural gas is being done by the authorized CGD entity. As per MWP, AGP has to establish 121 CNG stations and lay 1,187 inch-km pipeline in the GA by 2029. As on 30.09.2025, against the pro-rata target of establishing 59 CNG stations and laying 742 inch-km pipeline, AGP has established 22 CNG stations and laid 972 inch-km pipeline in the aforesaid GA.
