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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4402
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th March, 2026

EXPANSION OF PNG NETWORK IN MAHARASHTRA

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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 the expansion of the Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network in Bhiwandi region of Maharashtra is progressing at a slow pace and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is formulating a time-bound plan for the expansion of the PNG pipeline network in Bhiwandi City and its rural areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of domestic and commercial PNG connections provided so far in Bhiwandi along with the targets set for the future; and
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of gas companies engaged in PNG supply in Bhiwandi and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री
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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(a) to (d) Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections is part of the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network, which inter alia include creation of pipeline infrastructure and other facilities for the supply of PNG to domestic, commercial and industrial units and is being carried out by the entities authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) as per Minimum Work Program (MWP) and techno-commercial feasibility.

Bhiwandi is part of Thane urban and adjoining Municipalities Geographical Areas (GA) authorized to Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) for development of CGD network. As per MWP, the CGD entity has to provide 2,25,000 PNG (Domestic or D) connections and lay 1675 inch-km of pipeline in the GA by March, 2014. The authorized entities also supply natural gas to customers of commercial units in their GAs as per the demand and techno-commercial viability. As on 31.01.2026, MGL has provided 14,48,564 PNG (D) connections, 1,305 PNG (Commercial) connections, and laid 10,466 inch-km pipeline in the GA. Out of this, 11,66,263 PNG (Domestic) connections, 1,176 PNG (Commercial) connections, and 8,972 inch-km of pipeline infrastructure are in Thane district.

Further, 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, which 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. In addition, Government conducts regular interactions and meetings with State Governments for the development of CGD network in respective States and address challenges in this regard.
