

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4556
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th March, 2026

EXPANSION OF CITY GAS DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IN BIHAR

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the current status of City Gas Distribution (CGD) projects in Bihar;
- (b) the number of districts and towns covered under the City Gas Distribution network in the said State;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to expand the coverage to rural and semi-urban areas in Bihar;
- (d) the challenges faced in the implementation of CGD projects in the State and the measures taken to address the same; and
- (e) the future targets set by the Government for expansion of the CGD network in Bihar?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections, establishment of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations and laying of pipeline infrastructure is part of the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network, which is carried out by the entities authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) as per their Minimum Work Programme (MWP) and techno-commercial feasibility.

PNGRB has authorized 14 Geographical Areas (GAs) (including 3 GAs spread over Bihar & Jharkhand, 1 GA spread over Bihar & Uttar Pradesh) covering all the districts (including rural and semi-urban areas) in state of Bihar. The GA wise details of domestic PNG (D) connections, CNG stations and Pipeline infrastructure in the State of Bihar as on 31.1.2025 is at **Annexure**.

The problems being faced in expansion of PNG network is mainly attributed to delay in grant of permissions by the statutory authorities. However, any issue reported by the CGD entities related to laying pipelines are suitably taken up with appropriate authorities for expeditious resolution. Further, regular review of progress of projects is being conducted by PNGRB and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas with the entities to discuss the challenges and the latest updates on their MWP targets in authorized GAs.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4556 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2026 REGARDING EXPANSION OF CITY GAS DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IN BIHAR.

Status of CGD in the state of Bihar as on 31.01.2026

S. No.	Geographical Area/ CGD Networks	State/UT	Authorized CGD Entity	Date of Authorization	Date of Target Completion	PNG (D)		CNG		Pipeline Infrastructure-Inch KM	
						MWP Target	Achievement.	MWP Target	Achievement.	MWP Target	Achievement.
1.	Aurangabad, Kaimur&Rohtas Districts	Bihar	Indian Oil Corporation Limited	06-Sep-18	04-Feb-29	14271	5026	12	16	800	958
2.	Begusarai District	Bihar	Think Gas Begusarai Private Limited	20-Sep-18	30-Sep-28	169787	7372	25	10	762	722
3.	Gaya & Nalanda Districts	Bihar	Indian-Oil Adani Gas Private Limited	20-Sep-18	30-Sep-28	37591	4938	46	25	1304	1389
4.	Araria, Purnia, Katihar and Kishanganj Districts	Bihar	Indian Oil Corporation Limited	29-03-2019 (New start date 01.01.2022)	31-Mar-30	305200	14978	79	11	910	1549
5.	Arwal, Jehanabad, Bhojpur and Buxar Districts	Bihar	Indian Oil Corporation Limited	29-Mar-19	05-Aug-29	80636	16825	50	13	1023	2514
6.	Khagaria, Saharsa and Madhepura Districts	Bihar	Indian Oil Corporation Limited	29-03-2019 (New start date 01.01.2022)	31-Mar-30	24730	4404	9	7	374	724
7.	Lakhisarai, Munger and Bhagalpur Districts	Bihar	Indian Oil Corporation Limited	29-Mar-19	05-Aug-29	54471	12861	16	12	1625	1802
8.	Muzaffarpur, Vaishali, Saran and Samastipur Districts	Bihar	Indian Oil Corporation Limited	29-Mar-19	05-Aug-29	1006975	54021	222	48	2838	7122
9.	Nawada and Koderma Districts	Bihar & Jharkhand	Indian Oil Corporation Limited	29-03-2019 (New start date 01.01.2022)	31-Mar-30	13632	2876	21	5	527	499
10.	Sheikhpura, Jamui and Deoghar Districts	Bihar & Jharkhand	Indian Oil Corporation Limited	29-Mar-19	05-Aug-29	37441	10014	16	8	1564	2363
11.	Darbhanga, Madhubani, Supaul, Sitamarhi and Sheohar districts	Bihar	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited	15-Mar-22	31-Mar-30	1010999	49360	50	24	2895	3625
12.	Gopalganj, Siwan, West Champaran, East Champaran and Deoria districts	Bihar & Uttar Pradesh	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited	04-May-22	30-Jun-30	1010999	53037	67	31	4141	3469
13.	Patna District	Bihar	GAIL (India) Limited	07-Mar-18	31-Mar-25	50154	98160	NA	37	2445	2443
14.	Banka (Bihar), Dumka, Godda, Jamtara, Pakur&Sahibganj districts	Bihar & Jharkhand	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited	14-Jun-22	30-Jun-30	1476189	1251	99	21	2007	1662
Total						52,93,075	3,35,123	712	268	23,215	30,841

Source: PNGRB
