

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2975  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MAY 11, 2016

REPLACING LPG WITH PNG IN SMART CITIES

No. 2975 SHRI PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to replace LPG with PNG in the proposed smart cities;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof along with the steps taken in this direction;
- (c) whether any consultations have been held with the stakeholders in this regard and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the present status of the proposal?

ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a)&(b): Yes, madam. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has proposed that cities must be covered with City Gas Distribution (CGD) network for supply of uninterrupted eco-friendly cooking fuel in form of PNG and transportation fuel to vehicle in the form of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). The gas being eco-friendly will have health benefits for the Smart City population. In Phase 1, nine out of twenty winning Smart Cities namely Pune, Surat, Ahmedabad, Kochi, Indore, New Delhi Municipal

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Council, Kakinada, Belagavi and Ludhiana are being covered with CGD network.

- (c): A workshop for 20 winning cities was organized in Delhi on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 in which consultations were held with Mission Directors and Municipal Commissioners of Smart Cities regarding the convergence of CGD network development with the Smart City Mission.
- (d): CGD networks in three cities namely Kochi, Belagavi and Ludhiana are under development and in the remaining six cities, CGD networks are already in operation. Apart from these, Bhubaneswar, Jabalpur, Davangere, Udaipur and Bhopal have also proposed convergence for creation of CGD networks by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

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