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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 763
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd July, 2026

PNG NETWORK IN JHUNJHUNU

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether a comprehensive Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network is still not available for common citizens, commercial establishments and industries in Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan despite the district having been included in the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the delay in the development of the domestic and commercial PNG network in Jhunjhunu district along with the current progress of the project, sanctioned works and achievements made so far;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce any scheme for the expeditious expansion of the network to provide PNG in all major cities and towns of Jhunjhunu district;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated timeline for implementation of the project along with the funds sanctioned and utilised so far, the results achieved therefrom and the proposed financial provisions and targets for the coming years, year-wise; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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(a) to (e): 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. This is being carried out by entities authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).

Jhunjhunu District is a part of Jhunjhunu, Sikar and Nagaur districts Geographical Area (GA) authorized to Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL). IOCL has informed that a City Gate Station (CGS) has been established in Jhunjhunu for ensuring uninterrupted gas supply in the district. No funds are sanctioned or allocated by Government for implementation of the CGD projects. The investment is made by the authorized CGD entity in accordance with the authorization granted by PNGRB and the approved project plan.

As on 31.05.2026, the authorized CGD entity has provided 3,307 PNG (Domestic) Connections and laid 214 Inch-KM of pipeline in the Jhunjhunu district. No Commercial or Industrial PNG connections have been released so far.

Government have taken various steps to facilitate expeditious expansion of CGD network across the country including in Jhunjhunu district which, inter-alia, includes allocating domestic gas on priority basis to CNG (T)/ PNG(D); diverting domestic gas from non-priority sectors to meet the requirement for CNG (T)/PNG(D) sector, expansion of CGD network, grant of Public Utility Status to CGD projects, notification for supply of domestic gas through available mode (including cascade mode) for CNG(T)/ PNG(D) purpose, allocating domestic natural gas for CNG (T) and PNG (D) segments on a two-quarter advance basis, expansion of National Gas Grid Pipeline, setting up of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminals, Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiatives to promote Bio-CNG, etc.

The Government of Rajasthan has also rationalised VAT on domestic natural gas to 7.5% and notified a State CGD Policy to facilitate faster rollout of CGD infrastructure.

Further, the Government has notified a comprehensive control order dated 24.03.2026 under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to facilitate time-bound expansion of pipeline infrastructure across the country, especially CGD. The Order provides a uniform framework for grant of right of way (RoW) and permissions by mandating strict timelines, enabling deemed approvals in case of delays, and prohibiting imposition of unauthorized charges by public authorities. It also addresses access issues in residential and private areas by ensuring non-discriminatory and time-bound permissions, thereby removing key bottlenecks in pipeline laying.
