

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF CNG
CHADA SURESH REDDY

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

- (a) whether compressed natural gas is being used as fuel at cremation grounds in some parts of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any plan to encourage use of CNG for crematoriums in the country on a large scale;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) No, Sir. However, Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) is discussing for gas supply to one crematorium at Mulund, Mumbai for which pipeline has already been laid.
- (b) to (d) Presently, natural gas is being supplied for domestic, commercial and CNG purposes in Mumbai, Delhi and some other cities in Gujarat. In such places natural gas can be utilized as a clean fuel in crematoriums also. The initiative in this regard has to be taken by the respective State Governments and Municipal bodies.