

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

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NEW CONNECTIONS BY MAHANAGAR GAS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has asked Mahanagar Gas to expedite the new connections for new areas to be covered in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, whether the people representatives, Consumer Organisations and customers have demanded Mahanagar Gas connection in Chembur;
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented;
- (d) the number of connections and areas covered in Mumbai by Mahanagar Gas; and
- (e) the status of Mahanagar Gas connections as on December 31, 2003?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a): Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) a Joint Venture Company of GAIL (India) Limited, British Gas and Government of Maharashtra has mandate to implement Mumbai City Gas Distribution Project. MGL has set up a gas distribution network covering Chembur, Sion, Vikhroli, Kurla, Bhandup upto Mulund on the North Eastern side, Bandra upto Dahisar on the North Western side and Mahim upto Colaba on the Southern side. In the last two years MGL has provided 1 lakh additional connections to households covering the above areas. In addition MGL propose to provide connections to around 50,000 households in the existing as well as new areas covering Santacruz (East & West), Sion, Worli, Colaba and North East suburb areas.

(b) & (c): Representations are received from time to time for gas connections from various areas. MGL in 1995 started its connection programme from Chembur area. As on date around 37,000 connections have already been provided in Chembur. Further work of providing additional connections to households in the Chembur area is going on a regular basis.

(d) & (e): The number of connections and areas covered by Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) as on December 31, 2003 are given below:-

Sl.No.	Zone	Number of Connections
1	Central Zone (Chembur, Ghatkopar to Mulund)	45,132
2	Western-I Zone (Kandivili to Dahisar)	50,114
3	Western-II Zone (Santacruz to Malad)	70,372
4	Southern Zone (Sion, Bandra to Colaba)	22,039
	Total	1,87,657