

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

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OPENING OF CNG AND LPG FILLING STATIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy about encouraging the use of CNG and LPG in vehicles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the norms fixed for opening of CNG/LPG filling stations;
- (d) the number of CNG/LPG filling stations in the country, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to open new CNG/LPG filling stations in the country during the next two years; and
- (f) if so, the details alongwith locations thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): Use of CNG and auto LPG is being encouraged to reduce pollution in various cities. Subject to availability of natural gas and necessary infrastructure, CNG is proposed to be introduced in various cities in a phased manner. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are also progressively introducing auto LPG at their retail outlets in different cities as per the demand.

(c): For setting up new outlets, the companies have to seek various statutory clearances such as explosive licence from Chief Controller of Explosives, clearance from local bodies, etc. It may be further noted that CNG/Auto LPG stations are primarily being set up at existing retail outlets. Apart from these, some CNG stations are being set up to cater to the fuel requirements of heavy vehicles and for filling CNG cascades which are directly operated by the companies.

(d) At present, Indraprastha Gas Limited is operating 133 CNG stations in Delhi and 2 stations in NOIDA, UP. Mahanagar Gas Limited is operating 105 CNG stations in Mumbai and 2 stations in the outskirts of Mumbai city. In Gujarat, 2 CNG stations are being run by oil PSUs, besides a few CNG outlets by some private/multinational companies.

As on 1.4.2005, 105 Auto LPG dispensing stations (ALDS) are in operation in the country. State wise details are at Annexure.

(e) & (f) The Oil PSUs and the Joint Ventures promoted by them plan to set up about 70 CNG stations and 124 ALDS in different parts of the country in the next two years.

ANNEX

AUTO LPG DISPENSING STATIONS (ALDS) OF PUBLIC SECTOR OIL MARKETING COMPANIES (OMCs) AS ON 1.4.2005.

STATES /Uts CITIES NUMBER OF ALDS

Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	9
Andhra Pradesh	Tirupati	1
Delhi	Delhi	16
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	8
Karnataka	Bangalore	13
Kerala	Trivandrum	1
Madhya Pradesh	Indore	1
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	1
Maharashtra	Mumbai	21
Maharashtra	Pune	5
Maharashtra	Nasik	1
Rajasthan	Jaipur	2
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	14
Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	1
Uttar Pradesh	Agra	1

West Bengal	Kolkata	8
Chandigarh	Chandigarh	2

TOTAL 105