

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF CNG FILLING STATIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up CNG filling stations in 20 more major cities in the country by 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, city-wise;
- (c) the estimated quantity of gas required for such expansion in the country by 2010; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government is planning to procure such quantity of CNG for the said purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): The expansion of CNG infrastructure in different cities in the country is being taken up in a phased manner. Providing of CNG facilities depends upon availability of gas, setting up of necessary infrastructure and economic viability. In order to promote investment from public as well as private sector for laying trunk natural gas pipelines and city/local natural gas distribution networks throughout the country, the Government of India has enacted 'The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006' and notified the 'Policy for Development of Natural Gas Pipelines and City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks'.

(c) & (d): According to the Working Group Report on Petroleum and Natural Gas for the XI Five Year Plan, the estimated demand of natural gas for City Gas Project in 2010-11 would be 14.8 Million Standard Cubic Metres Per Day (MMSCMD). The demand for natural gas in the country is higher than its production. However, the Government of India has initiated various steps to augment gas supplies for the domestic market. These cover:-

- (a) Intensification in domestic E&P activities;
- (b) Exploitation of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) gas;
- (c) Implementation of Natural Gas Hydrate Programme (NGHP) for evaluation of hydrate resources and their possible commercial exploitation;
- (d) LNG Import; and
- (e) Gas sourcing through transnational gas pipelines.