

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF CNG/LPG STATIONS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up more number of CNG and LPG stations by IOC, BPC, HPC and other companies at Jamnagar, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Amreli, Porbandar, Sihor, Dwarka, Okha, Vijapur, Visnagar in the State of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The expansion of CNG and LPG infrastructure in different cities in the country is being taken up in a phased manner depending on economic viability.

Providing of CNG facilities in a city/area also depends upon availability of natural gas and setting up of necessary infrastructure to transport natural gas through trunk pipelines to the city/area. 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 (PNGRB) Act, 2006'. Expressions of Interest (EOI)'s for City Gas Distribution Networks in Jamnagar, Rajkot and Bhavnagar have been submitted to PNGRB.

As regards Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDS), they are set up by OMCs after making demand assessment at existing Retail Outlets, where sufficient space exists to maintain the safety distances as specified under Static and Mobile Pressure Vessel Rules (SMPV Rules).OMCs have planned to set up 3 ALDS in Rajkot and one each in Bhavnagar and Porbandar respectively.