

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:177
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2010
CND DISTRIBUTION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for opening compressed natural gas (CNG) stations in the country;
- (b) the number of CNG stations presently functional in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open new CNG stations across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Gajraula, Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 177 TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.08.2010 REGARDING CNG DISTRIBUTION CENTRES.

a) Government of India has enacted the "Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) Act, 2006'. PNGRB authorizes a particular entity to operate City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in a particular Geographical Area (GA) in accordance with the provisions of the Act & the Regulations made thereunder. The authorized entity then opens Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations in the authorized Geographical Area based upon development of gas transportation infrastructure, availability of gas and commercial viability, keeping in mind the targets laid down by PNGRB.

b) As per the available information, 596 CNG stations are presently operating in the country. Details are as follows:-

State Total No. CNG Station

NCT of Delhi 196

Maharashtra 159

Uttar Pradesh 20

Gujarat 186

Andhra Pradesh 12

Tripura 1

Madhya Pradesh 8

Haryana 7

West Bengal 6

Daman & Diu 1

Total 596

(c) & (d) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas intends to encourage supply of CNG for transport sector and Piped Natural Gas for household sector. PNGRB has envisaged a rollout plan of CGD Network Development in the country on the basis of Expressions of Interest (EOI) submitted to it as also on suo moto basis. CNG stations would be developed as a part of the CGD Network by the entity authorized by PNGRB.

PNGRB has identified Hapur Geographical Area for development of CGD Network, which includes Gajraula industrial town.