

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

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OPENING OF CNG STATIONS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up CNG Stations in Patna, Nalanda, Islampur, Buxar, Sasaram areas of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N SINGH)

(a) & (b) CNG is provided through City Gas Distribution (CGD) Projects. Development of CGD project in any area depends inter alia upon pipeline connectivity, availability of gas and commercial viability of the project.

Government has authorized GAIL (India) Ltd to lay Jagdishpur – Haldia pipeline which will pass through various areas in Bihar.

In order to promote investment from public as well as private sector for laying trunk natural gas pipelines and CGD projects throughout the country, Government has enacted 'Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) Act, 2006'. The Act provides that PNGRB would undertake authorization of CGD projects and trunk pipelines. PNGRB has envisaged a rollout plan for CGD network in more than 300 cities. PNGRB has not received any Expression of Interest (EoI) for any city or Geographical Area (GA) of Bihar so far. However, PNGRB has identified on suo motu basis 11 GAs in Bihar, namely, Arrah, Banswari, Batiya, Chappra, Gaya, Gopalganj, Jehanabad, Nawada, Patna, Sasaram and Siwan.