

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

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CNG AND LPG STATIONS

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

- (a) the number of CNG and LPG filling stations in Bhavnagar district of Gujarat;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to set up more CNG and LPG filling stations in Bhavnagar areas,
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if no, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): As per information provided by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) there is no CNG station operating in Bhavnagar District, Gujarat. As on 01.07.2011, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are operating two Auto LPG Dispensing Station (ALDS) in Bhavnagar District, Gujarat.

(b) to (d): PNGRB, established under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 grants authorization for City and Local Area Natural Gas Distribution Networks in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Regulation, 2008. PNGRB has identified Bhavnagar district for development of City Gas Distribution Network through competitive bidding process, which is currently underway. CNG Stations form a part of the City Gas Distribution network. Once the Grant of authorization is made to an entity, the authorized entity will set up CNG stations within the authorized area, based on the demand and other commercial considerations. As the demand for Auto LPG has decreased due to expansion of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) infrastructure in all the regions of Gujarat, OMCs do not have any plan to set up any more ALDS in Bhavnagar District of Gujarat.