

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:144

ANSWERED ON:01.12.2011

PNG CONNECTIONS

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

- (a) the number of households and details of cities covered, for supplying Piped Natural Gas (PNG), during the last two years and the current year;
- (b) whether the consumers have been urged to surrender LPG connections;
- (c) if so, the number of LPG connections surrendered thereon so far; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government for augmenting PNG connections?

Answer

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

(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. 144 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST DECEMBER, 2011 ASKED BY SHRI MAHABAL MISHRA AND SHRIMATI DEEPA DASMUNSI REGARDING PNG CONNECTIONS

- (a): The details of cities covered for supply of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) during the last two years and the current year are annexed.
- (b): Yes, Madam. In pursuance of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 2000 amended vide Notification dated 10.9.2009, the PNG customers have been urged by the CGD distributors to deposit their domestic LPG cylinders/connection provided by the Public Sector OMCs, in the "safe custody" of the LPG distributor within 60 days.
- (c): As on 1.11.2011, the number of domestic LPG connections blocked by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited) in the country is 6,80,914.
- (d): The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) authorises the City Gas Distribution (CGD) networks to lay, build, operate or expand natural gas pipelines through a competitive bidding process. PNGRB has envisaged a roll out plan of CGD networks development in more than 300 possible geographical areas on the basis of Expression of Interest (Eoi) and on suo moto basis, based on the connectivity with the existing and upcoming natural gas pipelines in India.