

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

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PNG NETWORK

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up cooking gas pipeline network throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the target fixed for a national grid for cooking gas pipeline;
- (c) the details of cities where cooking gas pipeline facility is available in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the objections raised, if any, by the dealers and distributors of IOC, IBP, HPCL and BPCL regarding decision of the Government for extension of piped cooking gas alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), authorized for City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in the country has envisaged a roll out plan of CGD network development (CNG/PNG) in more than 300 possible Geographical Areas (GAs) on the basis of Expressions of Interest (EOI) submitted to the Board and on suo moto basis. The State-wise details of these Geographical Areas (GAs) are placed at Annexure-I. PNG connections form part of CGD Network and development of PNG network in Geographical Areas (GAs) depends, inter alia, on the availability of trunk steel pipelines, technical feasibility, safety considerations, availability of digging permissions from land owning agencies and customer response.

(c): Presently, there are 51 Geographical Areas in various States of the country authorized by PNGRB where in PNG supplies are being made for domestic use. The list of these 51 Geographical Areas are at Annexure-II.

(d): No objections have been received in the Ministry in this regard.