

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

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PNG CONNECTIONS

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

- (a) the name of the cities and towns in the country where Piped Natural Gas (PNG) is being supplied by the Government especially in Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has drawn any time-bound programme for PNG distribution in various cities and towns including Indore of Madhya Pradesh and Muzaffarnagar of Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide PNG connection in each and every household in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT PANABAANKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) The name of the cities and towns in the country where Piped Natural Gas (PNG) is being supplied including Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are at Annexure-I. Presently, there is no PNG supply in the State of Tamil Nadu.
- (b) to (d) The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) established under the PNGRB Act, 2006 grants authorization for City and Local Area Natural Gas Distribution Networks in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and the eligibility criteria specified in the PNGRB (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate, or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Network) Regulations, 2008. PNG forms part of the Local or City Gas Distribution (CGD) network. PNGRB has envisaged a phased roll out plan of CGD network development in several Geographical Areas (GAs) covering more than 300 cities/towns in the country including Muzaffarnagar of Uttar Pradesh, on the basis of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) submitted to the Board and on suo moto basis, depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity/availability. Indore city in Madhya Pradesh has already been provided PNG connectivity. The details of the proposed GAs for CGD network are given in Annexure-II.