

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide City Gas Distribution (CGD) in certain cities across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of cities selected for the purpose, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study of the cost benefit analysis of CGD projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the CGD project will be operational in the newly identified cities; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to extend the benefits of CGD projects to small towns and thickly populated villages and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Government has set up the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) under the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act 2006, which grants authorization for City and Local Area Natural Gas distribution networks in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and the PNGRB (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Network) Regulations, 2008. PNGRB has envisaged a phased roll out plan of CGD network development in several Geographical Areas (GAs) covering more than 300 cities/towns in various States/UTs in the country on the basis of Expressions of Interest submitted to the Board as well as on suo-moto basis. State/UT-wise details are Annexed.

Depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity/gas availability, PNGRB includes these GAs in a phased manner in the bidding rounds for grant of authorization to develop CGD networks. As requested by various State Governments, PNGRB has been considering entire districts as GAs so that the rural areas and small towns in such districts are also covered with CGD network development. No, study of the cost benefit analysis of CGD projects has been conducted by the Government.