

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

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

- (a) the number of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) filling stations opened in various States/Union Territories (UTs) during the last one year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether a number of CNG filling stations are proposed to be opened in various cities of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be opened?

Answer

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

(a): 155 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) filling stations have been opened during the year 2012-13. The State-wise details are at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): While a CNG station can be established by any entity without authorization by the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), the City Gas Distribution entities authorized by the PNGRB also establish CNG filling stations within the respective authorized areas as per techno-economic feasibility. PNGRB has envisaged a phased roll out plan of CGD network development in several Geographical Areas (GAs) in various states including Madhya Pradesh, on the basis of Expression of Interest (EOIs) submitted to the Board and on Suo Moto basis. 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.