

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

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SUPPLY OF PIPED NATURAL GAS

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

- (a) the details of the scheme for supplying Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to the consumers in various States/UTs in the country;
- (b) the total number of households provided with PNG during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to supply PNG to those States which have not been covered under PNG distribution network so far and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal from various States including Maharashtra in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), established under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act 2006, 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. Piped Natural Gas forms part of the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network. Depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity/gas availability, PNGRB includes various Geographical Areas (GAs) in a phased manner in the bidding round of authorization to develop CGD networks. No entity has, so far, been authorized for development of CGD network in Tamil Nadu. PNGRB has envisaged a phased roll out plan of CGD network development in several Geographical Areas (GAs) including 28 cities/towns in Tamil Nadu.

The total number of households provided with PNG during the last three years and the current year (up to 31.10.2013), State-wise is at Annexure-I.

(d) & (e): The Governments of Kerala and Bihar have requested the Government for development of City Gas Distribution networks in their States. PNGRB has included the GA of Ernakulam District, Kerala in its fourth round of bidding. PNGRB has identified 9 cities in the State of Bihar for development of CGD networks. The development of CGD networks in these cities, however, is dependent upon the connectivity of pipeline network.