

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:247
ANSWERED ON:07.02.2014
DISTRIBUTION OF PIPED NATURAL GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of cities where Piped Natural Gas (PNG) is being supplied in the country at present, city and State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the City Gas Distribution network of PNG is yet to be developed in various States including Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken or proposed by the Government for development of distribution network of PNG in the entire country in a time-bound manner?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (DR. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 247 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2014 REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF PIPED NATURAL GAS.

(a): The names of the cities and towns, State/UT-wise, where Piped Natural Gas (PNG) is being supplied is at Annexure-I.

(b) to (d): Piped Natural Gas (PNG) forms part of the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network. PNGRB has envisaged a phased roll out plan for developing CGD network in 331 Geographical Areas (GAs) in various States, including States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. Depending on the availability of natural gas and connectivity of pipeline, PNGRB includes various GAs in a phased manner in the bidding rounds for authorization to develop CGD networks. The authorized entities supply PNG within the respective authorized areas.

In order to promote development of PNG network throughout the country, the Ministry has taken a decision to meet the full requirement of PNG (domestic) from domestic gas (which at present is cheaper than imported R-LNG), without discrimination amongst CGD entities across the nation. Accordingly, Ministry has issued revised guidelines on 03.02.2014 for supply/allocation of domestic gas to CGD entities for CNG (transport) and PNG (domestic).