GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3466 ANSWERED ON:10.12.2009 OPENING OF CNG STATIONS

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

- (a) the total number of CNG filling stations opened in Rajasthan, Kerala and Gujarat, State-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the total number of new CNG stations set up in each of the States; district-wise during the current financial year;
- (c) whether the number of CNG stations are sufficient to meet the demand keeping in view increase in demand of vehicles; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) & (b): According to information provided, the State-wise details of total number of CNG filling stations in the country is annexed. Presently, City Gas Distribution has not been started in any city of Rajasthan and Kerala till now.
- (c): The conversion of vehicles into CNG mode is a continuous process. CNG stations are developed by the authorized entities based on market demand, availability of natural gas and local factors.
- (d): City Gas Distribution (CGD) entities authorized by Central Government, including Joint Ventures of GAIL, are undertaking activities to expand the CNG network. Further, Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) is in the process of authorizing entities for undertaking CGD activities in other cities. 834,631 standard cubic metres per day (SCMD) gas has been allocated from KG D-6 to various CGD entities for supply to transport & domestic sectors.