

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GREEN FUEL PROJECTS

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to change the pecking order for earmarking domestic natural gas, putting green fuel projects on priority with a view to easing kitchen subsidy burden and cleaning up the air in cities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to expand green fuel projects in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Presently, Govt is broadly following the under-mentioned order of priority in allocation of domestic gas.

(i) Existing Gas based Urea plants.

(ii) Existing Gas based LPG plants.

(iii) Existing grid connected and gas based power plants.

(iv) City Gas Distribution (CGD) network for domestic and transport sectors.

(v) Other sectors including steel, refineries, petrochemicals, CGD for industrial and commercial customers etc.

However, in order to comply with the orders of Hon`ble Supreme Court in the case of M.C. Mehta Vs UOI & Ors in WP 13029/1985, April, 2002 directing to accord highest priority to transport sector in allocation of natural gas, it has been decided to meet the entire requirement of CGD entities for CNG (transport) and PNG (domestic) segments through domestic gas.

PNGRB has envisaged a phased roll out plan for development of CGD networks in several Geographical Areas (GAs) in various States depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity/natural gas availability .

The GAs are included in bidding rounds in a phased manner taking into account the natural gas pipeline connectivity/natural gas availability and feasibility for grant of authorization to develop CGD networks. PNGRB has been considering entire districts, which includes small towns/less populated villages, as GAs for development of CGD network.