

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

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CNG Distribution Network  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that India has more natural gas reserves than petroleum reserves, CNG caters only 1.5 percent of the total registered vehicles in the country

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to consider the use of CNG in vehicles across the country by expanding CNG distribution network particularly in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?  
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**Answer**

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

(a): Hydrocarbon reserves explored as on 1.4.2014 are as follows:

Inplace reserves	Ultimate reserves	Balance recoverable
Oil (MMT)	6950	1922 740
Gas (BCM)	3986	2175 1332

Presently, approximately 23.5 lakh vehicles are running on CNG as fuel in the country.

(b) & (c): In order to promote the usage of CNG across the country, Government has issued guidelines according to which the entire requirement of City Gas Distribution (CGD) entities for CNG (transport) and PNG (domestic) sector is met through domestic gas. Further, PNGRB has envisaged a phased roll out plan for development of CGD networks in several Geographical Areas (GAs) in various States. The GAs are included in bidding rounds in a phased manner depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity/natural gas availability and feasibility for grant of authorization to develop CGD networks in the country, including Kerala.

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