

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

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ALTERNATE FUEL OF LPG  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has made any efforts to find out an alternative of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in order to protect the environment and check deforestation in the hilly areas of the country particularly Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) itself is an alternate fuel to Fire Wood which helps protect the environment and check deforestation in the hilly areas of the country. A shift away from kerosene/ fire-wood towards LPG in rural India will help in reducing deforestation and improve the environment and quality of life in hilly areas.

Besides, Piped Natural Gas (PNG), which is a part of City and Local Area Natural Gas Distribution Networks, is an alternate of LPG and is used as fuel in house holds. In order to promote the development of PNG network in the country, the Government has set up a Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), which has envisaged a rollout plan for development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network in several Geographical Areas (GAs) of the country. The bids are invited by PNGRB depending on availability of gas and connectivity of the Geographical Areas with gas pipelines.