

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:545
ANSWERED ON:14.07.2014
CNG FILLING STATIONS
Chaudhary Shri P.P.

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

- (a) the number of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) filling stations in the country at present, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government proposes to set up more CNG filling Stations in the country particularly in Rajasthan;
- (c) if so, the details of proposals received from various States in this regard; and
- (d) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise ?

Answer

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

(a): Presently, there are 953 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations operating in the country. The State/UT-wise details are annexed.

(b) to (d): Requests from State Governments of Kerala and Karnataka have been received for setting up of CNG stations. CNG distribution forms part of the city or local natural gas distribution (CGD) network. Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has envisaged a phased roll out plan of CGD network development in several Geographical Areas (GAs) in various States including several cities/towns in the State of Rajasthan. PNGRB has already granted authorization through bidding process for development of CGD network in Kota GA in Rajasthan. Another 13 cities/ towns viz. Banswari, Dungarpur, Udaipur, Chittorgarh, Bhilwara, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Jhunjhunu, Bikaner, Sri Ganganagar, Ajmer, Badmer and Jaisalmer have been identified on the basis of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) submitted to the Board and on Suo Moto basis for inclusion in the CGD bidding rounds in a phased manner depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity and gas availability for grant of authorization to develop CGD networks. The authorized entities set up CNG filling stations within the respective authorized areas as per the techno-economic feasibility.