

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

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PNG SUPPLY

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

(a) whether the Government has any scheme/plan to supply Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to rural and tribal areas of the country including Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab and Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with any coordination made with various State Governments in this regard;

(c) the time by which the PNG supply is likely to be started; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide PNG connections in each and every household in the country?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Based on the requests made by various State Governments, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has been considering entire districts, including rural areas, as Geographical Area (GAs) for development of CGD networks. The details of States where Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections have been provided including the States of Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra are at Annexure-I. The details of GAs (Districts) of States including Punjab and Karnataka, identified for PNG coverage in 5th & 6th bidding rounds are at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): PNGRB has envisaged a phased roll out plan for development of CGD networks in several 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. The authorized entities provide PNG connections to households within the respective authorized areas.