

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUPPLY OF CNG

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

- (a) whether the supply of Compressed Natural Gas for motor vehicles has been stopped at retail outlets in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (b) whether there is a heavy rush of vehicles in various CNG filling stations in the country including Mumbai and Delhi due to low pressure of CNG;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to address the issue of low pressure supply of CNG;
- (d) whether the delay in construction of new CNG pipelines/filling stations has led to shortage of fuel for transport in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard, State-wise including Maharashtra; and
- (f) the number of CNG stations which are ready but still non- functional along with the reasons therefor and the time by which the said stations are likely to be functional?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam. Bhagyanagar Gas Limited (BGL) is supplying Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to automobile segment at Hyderabad in Telangana and Vijayawada and Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) & (c): Heavy rush at CNG stations due to low pressure of CNG in Delhi is not normal. However, during peak hours, vehicle owners have to wait in queues at the CNG stations, which is mainly on account of the characteristics of CNG dispensing facility, where the time taken to fill CNG into vehicles is comparatively more than that in case of Liquid fuels. Apart from this, other factors such as capacity limitation of CNG cylinder necessitating frequent refilling, checking of validity of CNG cylinder also add to the fuelling time.

As regards Mumbai, there are occasional incidents of low pressure availability at Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL)s inlet, which could be resulting in rush during peak hours.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Does not arise in view of (d) above.

(f): 26 CNG facilities set up by IGL are currently non-functional due to various reasons like statutory clearances in process, non-availability of power load, lack of road access, slow residential development in the area for commercial viability etc.