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Title: Need to introduce CNG based vehicles in the country, particularly in Hyderabad.

SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIMNAGAR): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the need to introduce CNG in Hyderabad and other cities to reduce the pollution which affects the health of the people in our country.

CNG is the only alternative to stop alarming pollution levels in Metro cities like Hyderabad. With increase in petrol prices acceptance level of alternate fuel vehicles among Indian is growing. CNG wave seems to spread fast across India and there is a dire need to introduce CNG in other cities like Hyderabad. Currently, the availability of CNG is confined to selected centres in Western and northern India only. The LPG dispensing stations have been concentrated on specific cities, and cities of South India especially cities of Andhra Pradesh remains almost negligible. I would like to mention some successful initiatives like conversion of diesel fueled Public transport to CNG fueled transport in Delhi, switching of Vikrams (tuk-tuks) from using diesel to electricity as fuel in Kathmandu valley, shifting from leaded to unleaded gasoline in many countries to reduce the pollution level.

I, therefore, request the Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, to introduce CNG based vehicles in Andhra Pradesh and also in other cities across the country in the current year itself with sufficient budgetary allocations.