

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2058**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2025**

**SHORTAGE OF CNG SUPPLY IN KARNATAKA**

2058. Dr. Prabha Mallikarjun:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) supply in Davanagere district of Karnataka forcing auto-rickshaw drivers to wait in long queues in front of CNG pumps and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to resolve this issue and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been a shortage of CNG pumps in comparison with the increased number of CNG-operated vehicles across the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there would be any increase in the number of CNG pumps in Davanagere district of Karnataka and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**  
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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS**  
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(a) to (d) Establishment of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations is part of the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network and the same is carried out by the CGD entities authorized by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) as per their Minimum Work Programme (MWP). As per the MWP, the authorized entities are committed to establish 18,336 CNG stations across the country by 2034. As on 31.05.2025, the entities have established more than 8000 CNG Stations against the pro-rata target of establishing 5176 CNG Stations.

PNGRB has authorized Unison Enviro Private Limited (UEPL) for the development of City Gas Distribution network in Chitradurga & Davanagere districts Geographical Area (GA). The authorized entity is required to provide 42 CNG stations in the GA by 2028. As on 31.5.2025, the authorized entity has established 23 CNG Stations in the GA against the pro-rata target of 23 CNG stations.

UEPL operates 10 CNG retail outlets (ROs) in Davangere district to meet the CNG(T) demand. As of June 2025, total 6177CNG vehicles are registered in Davanagere (source:Vahan portal). UEPL has informed that as on date CNG sales in Davangere district is around 11,000 KG per day and no CNG supply shortages have been reported in the district. Further the CNG pumps are adequate in comparison with CNG vehicles in Davangere district as UEPL has compression capacity of more than 22,500 KG per day out of which 50% is being utilised to support the growing demand in Davangere district. UEPL has informed that it is undertaking augmentation of compression capacity at mother Station, which will add the capacity of 29,200 KG per day. Additionally, the CGD entity has informed that 3 new CNG ROs are under construction in Davanagere district. Concurrently, the entity is engaged in discussions with Oil Marketing Companies to explore the possibility of setting up CNG infrastructure at their retail outlets.

The Government has taken various steps to ensure the availability of natural gas to CNG (Transport) and PNG (Domestic) sector, which includes allocating domestic gas on priority basis to CNG(T)/PNG(D), diverting domestic gas from non-priority sectors to meet the requirement for CNG(T)/PNG(D) sector, expansion of CGD network, expansion of National Gas Grid Pipeline, setting up of Liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal, Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiatives to promote Bio-CNG, etc. Government has also notified that gas produced from discoveries in deep water, ultra-deep water and high-pressure high temperature areas is prioritized for supply to the CNG(T)/PNG(D) sectors.

Further, the Government monitors the progress of CGD networks based on reports submitted by the entities. If there are any delays or shortfalls, the PNGRB advises the entity to take corrective action. This includes calling them for progress review meetings or statutory hearings under existing regulations to discuss challenges and the latest updates on their MWP targets in authorized GAs.

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