

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

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CNG OUTLETS IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mahanagar Gas has prepared any action plan to open CNG outlets in Mumbai for the year 2003-2004;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the requirement of CNG for the city and the present supply status;
- (d) whether waiting period for vehicles at CNG stations in Mumbai is more than 60 minutes;
- (e) whether the target fixed for setting up new CNG outlets upto March 31, 2003 has since been achieved; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) has drawn up an action plan to open 80 CNG outlets by March, 2004 in a phased manner.
- (c) Presently, in Mumbai there are 45,000 taxis, 25000 autos and 46 BEST buses plying on CNG. MGL has set up 46 CNG stations to cater the CNG requirement of above vehicles. The installed compression capacity is about 3,92,000 KG/day with 188 dispensing points. Against the above installed capacity the average daily sale is 2,50,000 KG/day.
- (d) Depending upon the location of the CNG outlets, presently, the waiting period for CNG vehicles is in the range from 30 to 45 minutes during peak hours.
- (e)&(f) MGL had targeted setting up 55 CNG stations by March, 2003. However, 46 CNG stations could be made operational by March, 2003.