

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:397

ANSWERED ON:11.05.2006

PIPED NATURAL GAS

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

- (a) whether the Piped Natural Gas (PNG) is 30 per cent cheaper than the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and also more convenient to deliver;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to lay piped natural gas supply networks in all the cities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which PNG network is likely to be set up in all the cities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.397 FOR ANSWER ON 11TH MAY 2006 RAISED BY SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA AND SHRI VIKRAMBHAI ARJANBHAI MADAM, M.Ps, REGARDING PIPED NATURAL GAS

(a) & (b): The price of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) is generally cheaper than Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG). However, a comparison of the prices at the consumer end will inter alia depend upon factors such as levels of subsidy on these fuels, level of taxation, availability of pipeline network and marketing/distribution costs. PNG is convenient to deliver if the requisite pipeline infrastructure is in place. As compared to this, LPG has the versatility of being marketed in cylinders which could be moved to any location.

(c) to (e): At present, Piped Natural Gas (PNG) is being made available by Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) and Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) in households in certain localities in Delhi and Mumbai respectively. Besides this, PNG is also being supplied in certain areas in Gujarat, Assam and Tripura. The extension of PNG supplies to other areas would depend upon the availability of gas, setting up of infrastructure facilities and economic viability.