

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3360  
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CNG BASED TAXI- TRANSPORT  
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

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

- (a) whether the GAIL (India) Limited has launched Joint Venture with the British Gas Co. of UK to promote CNG based taxi-transport in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the further steps contemplated to promote CNG based taxi-transport in Mumbai and other metro cities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. GAIL has formed Joint Venture Company with British Gas in the name of M/s Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) for City Gas Distribution in Mumbai. The company was incorporated on the 8th May, 1995. At present GAIL and British Gas are holding 49.75% equity each and the Govt. of Maharashtra is holding 0.5% equity in the company.

(c): MGL has plans to expand its area of operation in the adjoining areas of Mumbai covering Mira Bhayander, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Belapur, Taloja, Kalyan Dombivili, Ambarnath, Badlapur, Reha and Tarapur.

CNG facility is already available in Delhi. As regards other metro cities, the availability of CNG would depend upon the gas availability, development of pipeline infrastructure and economic viability.