

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PNG NETWORK

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

- (a) the details of the cities covered under the piped natural gas network in the county, as on date;
- (b) the companies involved in the supply of PNG to households in various cities;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any Action Plan to lay piped natural gas supply network in some more cities during the year 2007-2008;
- (d) if so, the details of the cities identified for the purpose; and
- (e) the time by which PNG network is likely to be set up in all the major cities?

Answer

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

- (a): The cities covered under the piped natural gas network in the country are Delhi, Mumbai, Agartala, Surat, Hazira, Junagam, Vasva, Mora, Damka, Bhatlai, Kawas, Rajgiri, Suwali, Icchapore, Ankleshwar, Bharauch, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Vidyanagar, Anand, Morbi, Gandhinagar, Duliajan, Digboi, Dibrugarh, Moran, Naharkatiya, Sivasagar, Nazira, Simaluguri and Tinsukia.
- (b): The companies involved in the supply of PNG to households in the country are Indraprastha Gas Limited, Mahanagar Gas Limited, Tripura Natural Gas Company Limited, Gujarat Gas Company Limited, GSPC Gas Company Limited, Assam Gas Company Limited and Adani Energy Limited. Apart from these, Vadodara Municipal Corporation and Charotar Gas Sahakari Mandali Limited are also involved in the supply of PNG.
- (c) & (d): While the Government has not prepared any Action Plan to lay piped natural gas during the year 2007-2008, it has prepared a regulatory framework for encouraging investment in this area by enacting 'The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006' and notifying the 'Policy for Development of Natural Gas Pipelines and City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks'. GAIL and its Joint Venture Companies have planned supply of PNG to the cities of Kanpur, Lucknow, Agra and Vijayawada during the year 2007-2008.
- (e): The implementation of city gas distribution projects is linked with availability of gas, commissioning of necessary infrastructure and economic viability.