

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) FOR GAS DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken up the distribution of gas in the cities under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model under Cities Gas Distribution Projects;
- (b) whether similar project will be started in other parts of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, city-wise;
- (d) whether State of Rajasthan will be covered under the said programme;
- (e) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and
- (f) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on this project?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): With the objective of promoting investment from public as well as private sector for laying natural gas trunk pipelines and city/local natural gas networks throughout the country, the Government of India has enacted 'The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006' and notified the 'Policy for Development of Natural Gas Pipelines and City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks'. To implement city gas distribution systems, GAIL and Oil Marketing Companies have formed the following Joint Venture (JV) Companies, which are presently supplying Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to the mentioned cities:-

- # M/s Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) in Mumbai and suburbs.
- # M/s Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) in Delhi and Noida.
- # M/s Bhagyanagar Gas Limited (BGL) in Hyderabad and Vijaywada.
- # M/s Central UP Gas Limited (CUGL) in Kanpur.
- # Green Gas Limited (GGL) in Lucknow and Agra.

The JV Companies of Maharashtra Natural Gas Limited (MNGL) and Aavantika Gas Limited (AGL) would soon be supplying CNG and PNG to Pune and Indore respectively.

Apart from the above, CNG and /or PNG is being presently supplied in cities of Agartala, Ahmedabad, Ankleshwar, Bharuch, Surat, Vadodara, Gandhinagar, Hazira, Junagam, Vasva, Mora, Damka, Bhatlai, Kawas, Rajgiri, Suwali, Icchapore, Vidyanagar, Anand, Morbi, Duliajan, Digboi, Dibrugarh, Moran, Naharkatiya, Sivasagar, Nazira, Simaluguri and Tinsukia.

GAIL as also other entities have expressed interest for City Gas Distribution Projects in other cities.

The implementation of city gas distribution projects is linked with availability of gas, commissioning of necessary infrastructure and economic viability.

(d) to (f): An MOU has been signed by GAIL with HPCL to form a Joint Venture Company to implement City Gas distribution projects in the cities of Rajasthan. The projects would be implemented considering the availability of natural gas, setting up of necessary infrastructure and economic viability.