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Title: Need to provide piped natural gas connections to all the households in North East Mumbai.

DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA (MUMBAI NORTH EAST): Though there are about five lakh households in Mumbai North East area, yet only 83,000 domestic Piped Natural Gas connections have been given by the Mahanagar Gas Limited, MGL, Mumbai in these areas since its inception. The performance is very poor in some areas such as Vidyanagar, Bhandup, Kanjur Margh. In spite of several representations and meetings, the officials of the MGL, ONGC and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas have not taken the issue seriously.

A rigorous action plan needs to be drawn to ensure that every household in Mumbai North East Lok Sabha constituency and also other parts of Mumbai be provided PNG connections in the next five years. A suggestion has also been received to constitute Vigilance and Monitoring Committee like other Ministries to coordinate, support and monitor the action plan.

I would urge upon the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to pay attention to this issue and extend PNG connections to all the domestic households in North East Mumbai.