

**Expansion of CNG network**

†437. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is working on the scheme of expanding CNG distribution centres to control the increasing air pollution in the country;

(b) if so, the States where setting up of CNG distribution centre has been proposed on priority basis;

(c) whether Ministry proposes to lay CNG pipelines in Haldwani and Ramnagar at Nainital, Udham Singh Nagar, Haridwar and Dehradun of Uttarakhand on priority basis; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has envisaged a phased roll out plan for development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) networks in several Geographical Areas (GAs) in various States. GAs are included in bidding rounds in a phased manner depending on natural gas pipeline connectivity/natural gas availability and feasibility for grant of authorization to develop CGD networks. PNGRB has been considering requests made by various State Governments for development of CGD networks which includes small towns/less populated villages also. Details of State-wise CGD entities authorized by PNGRB as on 1st October, 2015 are given in Statement [Refer to the Statement Appended to the Answer to UNQ No. 431 (Part a to d)]. PNGRB has already granted authorization to Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar Districts of Uttaranchal under the 5th round of CGD bidding. Nainital district including Ramnagar area is included in the 6th round of CGD bidding and Dehradun and Haldwani districts are slotted for subsequent bidding rounds.

**Marketing margin by private sector natural gas marketers**

438. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of marketing margin charged by private sector natural gas marketers as this matter is directly linked with Government subsidy outgo for LPG and urea sectors;

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