

including hilly States, is made by OMCs considering the seasonal variation and endeavour is made to arrange supplies in accordance with the demand. To meet the additional demand, if any, Bottling Plants are operated for extended hours and also on Sundays/Holidays.

Supply of piped gas in Uttarakhand

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

(a) whether the Ministry will consider to formulate any plan to provide Piped Natural Gas in the cities in the plains of Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry will provide PNG to Dehradun, Vikasnagar, Haridwar, Roorkee, Manglaur, Bahadrabad, Narsan, Kotdwar, Jaspur, Kashipur, Ramnagar, Udham Singh Nagar, Haldwani, Tanakpur, Khatima, Sitarganj, etc. in the State;

(c) if so, by when PNG will be provided to the said cities; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) In year 2007, Government established Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) under the PNGRB Act, 2006. Under the Act, PNGRB grants authorization to the entities for developing a City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in the specified Geographical Area (GA) of the country through a bidding process. PNGRB has envisaged a phased roll out plan for development of CGD networks in several GAs in various States including Uttarakhand. The GAs are included in bidding rounds in a phased manner depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity/natural gas availability and feasibility for grant of authorization to develop CGD networks in the country. In the State of Uttarakhand, the work to develop CGD network (including Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network) in the Districts of Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar has been awarded to M/s Haridwar Natural Gas Pvt. Ltd. - a JV of GAIL Gas Ltd. & Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) and to the JV of IOCL - Adani respectively on 14.8.2015.

(c) and (d) The authorized entities have started work of development of CGD network in their respective GAs. However, no timelines have been fixed in this regard.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.