

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2521
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th MARCH, 2021**

Extension of PMUY through CGD

2521 SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

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

(a) the steps being taken under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana for households by extending it to cover 1 crore more beneficiaries by adding 100 more districts in next 3 years to the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network through gas pipeline projects taken up in the States; and

(b) whether an independent Gas Transport System Operator will be set up for facilitation and coordination of booking of common carrier capacity in all-natural gas pipelines on a non-discriminatory open access basis, if so, the details thereof and progress made, State wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Hon'ble Finance Minister in the budget announcement made on 1st February, 2021, has announced to provide 1 crore more LPG connections under PMUY in addition to 8 crore LPG connection already released.

Further, Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) is the authority to grant authorization to entities for the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in Geographical Areas (GAs) as per PNGRB Act, 2006. PNGRB identifies GAs for authorizing the development of CGD network in synchronization with the development of natural gas pipeline connectivity, natural gas availability and techno commercial viability. PNGRB has informed that they have webhosted public notice dated 04.02.2021 of GAs with requisite districts to be covered under upcoming 11th CGD bidding round.

(b) A proposal for creation of independent Transport System Operator (TSO) is under circulation.
