

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1871
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th August, 2021

PNG in Bihar

1871. #Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

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

- (a) whether it was proposed by GAIL to provide Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to 50 thousand households in Patna, Bihar, within five years;
- (b) whether only 1977 households could be provided with PNG during last twenty seven months;
- (c) the amount of funds that was provisioned for the scheme in Patna, along with the expenditure made thereon;
- (d) the reasons for slow progress of the scheme in Patna and by when PNG will be provided to all 50 thousand households; and
- (e) the other cities in Bihar which are proposed to be provided with PNG and the details of progress made thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (d) Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) is the authority to grant authorization to the entities for developing 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 and natural gas availability. PNGRB has authorized GAIL on 07.03.2018 to provide 50,154 PNG connections to households in Patna District within 5 years. Till 31.05.2021, GAIL has provided 31,624 PNG domestic connections under minimum work programme. Project cost is Rs. 395.25 crore and Investment made till 31.07.2021 is Rs. 270 crore.

(e) Darbhanga, Madhubani, Supaul, Gopalganj and Siwan districts of Bihar have been included in the tentative list of GAs under the proposed 11th CGD bidding round.
