

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *230
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022

CNG price rise and burden on consumers

*230. Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that prices of CNG have increased several times since September 2021 for automobiles as well as for domestic use;
- (b) if so, the details of increased prices, State-wise, and change in international prices during the period; and;
- (c) the steps Government will take to lessen the burden on the consumers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *230 ASKED BY SHRI SANJAY RAUT TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 08, 2022 REGARDING CNG PRICE RISE AND BURDEN ON CONSUMERS

The retail price of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)/Piped Natural Gas (PNG) in any city is fixed by the City Gas Distribution (CGD) entity authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) after considering cost of gas procured, state taxes, tariff and other components. Price of domestically produced natural gas, determined as per the New Domestic Gas Pricing Guidelines, 2014, is linked to the pricing of natural gas at identified international hubs. The international market has seen a significant increase in the prices of natural gas over the short and medium term, thus impacting the domestic gas prices in India. This, in turn, has impacted the prices of CNG which is manufactured by compression of natural gas. The price of Spot Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) has increased by nearly 400% in the period from January, 2021 to August, 2022. However, the increase in CNG prices have been minimal on account of blending with domestically produced gas.

Details of International Price (spot) of Natural Gas since September, 2021 are as under:

| Months | Spot – settled WIM (in US Dollar/MMBTU) |
|-----------------|--|
| September, 2021 | 15.01 |
| October, 2021 | 18.48 |
| November, 2021 | 31.93 |
| December, 2021 | 29.42 |
| January, 2022 | 32.78 |
| February, 2022 | 31.46 |
| March, 2022 | 24.46 |
| April, 2022 | 37.13 |
| May, 2022 | 32.43 |
| June, 2022 | 22.51 |
| July, 2022 | 22.38 |
| August, 2022 | 37.85 |

Details of CNG prices, State-wise are at Annexure.

Supply of natural gas to CNG(Transport) and PNG(Domestic) segment of CGD sector has been placed in no cut category. To meet the needs of CNG(T)/PNG(D) segment of CGD sector, the total APM/NAPM allocation has been increased by 121% from 8.34 MMSCMD in 2014 to 18.5 MMSCMD in the first quarter of 2022-23. To meet the growing demand of the section, GAIL has been authorized to supply pooled natural gas to the authorized entities at quantities 2.5% over and above the 100% required to CNG(T) and PNG(D) segments of each Geographical Area (GA) in the previous quarterly allocation period.

ANNEXURE

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(As on 3.8.2022)

| S. No. | State/UT | City | CNG Price (Rs./kg) |
|--------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | Vijaywada, Kakinada | 94.00 |
| 2 | Assam | Upper Assam | 60.00 |
| 3 | Bihar | Patna | 93.10 |
| 4 | Chandigarh | Chandigarh | 89.95 |
| 5 | Chattisgarh* | Anuppur, Bilaspur and Korba Districts | 82.30 |
| 6 | Dadra and Nagar Haveli | Dadra and Nagar Haveli | 92.27 |
| 7 | Daman and Diu | Daman | 91 |
| 8 | Goa | Panaji | 89.90 |
| 9 | Gujarat | Gandhinagar | 82.16 |
| 10 | Haryana | Gurgaon | 83.90 |
| 11 | Himachal Pradesh | Unna | 95.00 |
| 12 | Jharkhand | Ranchi | 93.70 |
| 13 | Karnataka | Bangalore | 83.00 |
| 14 | Kerela | Ernakulam | 91 |
| 15 | Madhya Pradesh | Indore | 95 |
| 16 | Maharashtra | Mumbai | 86.00 |
| 17 | NCT of Delhi | NCT of Delhi | 75.60 |
| 18 | Odisha | Cuttak | 94.20 |
| 19 | Puducherry | karikal | 79 |
| 20 | Punjab | Amritsar | 92.37 |
| 21 | Rajasthan | Kota | 98.40 |
| 22 | Tamil Nadu | Thiruppur | 81.90 |
| 23 | Telangana | Hyderabad | 94.00 |
| 24 | Tripura | Agartala | 68.00 |
| 25 | Uttar Pradesh | Lucknow | 96.10 |
| 26 | Uttarakhand | Dehradun | 96.00 |
| 27 | West Bengal | Kolkata | 81.6 |
