

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1887
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30th July, 2026

Domestic Gas Coverage and CGD Expansion in Bhagalpur

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the details of the current coverage of domestic gas connections including under Ujjwala Yojana in Bhagalpur;
- (b) whether there is any proposal for expansion of the City Gas Distribution Network, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to strengthen petroleum storage and distribution infrastructure; and
- (d) whether there is any special campaign being run to promote clean fuel, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(श्री सुरेश गोपी)

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a): As on 01.07.2026, there were about 7.35 lakh domestic LPG connections in Bhagalpur District of Bihar including 3.90 lakh connections under PMUY.

(b): Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections, establishment of CNG Stations and laying of pipeline infrastructure is part of development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network and the same is carried out by the entities authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).

Bhagalpur District is a part of Lakhisarai, Munger and Bhagalpur Districts GA authorized to Indian Oil Corporation Limited. As on 31.05.2026, the authorized CGD entity has provided 12,861 Domestic PNG Connections, established 12 CNG Stations and laid 1,215 Pipeline (inch-km) in the GA.

(c): Government of India (GoI), through a Special Purpose Vehicle called Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve Limited (ISPRL), has established Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) facilities with total capacity of 5.33 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) of crude oil at three locations in Phase-I namely (i) Vishakhapatnam, (ii) Mangaluru and (iii) Padur capacity.

In July 2021, Government had also approved the establishment of two additional commercial-cum-strategic petroleum reserve facilities in Phase-II with total storage capacity of 6.5 MMT in Odisha and Karnataka.

As on 01.07.2026, there are a total of 25,611 LPG distributorships of PSU OMCs operating across the country including 58 LPG distributorships in Bhagalpur district of Bihar. These are served through 214 LPG bottling plants of OMCs located across the country. In order to improve access of LPG in rural and remote areas, OMCs have commissioned 8045 distributorships, during 01.04.2016 to 30.06.2026 across the country, out of which 7452 (i.e. 93 %) are catering to rural areas.

As on 01.07.2026, PSU OMCs have network of 93,782 number of Retail Outlets across the country including 103 Retail Outlets in Bhagalpur District.

(d): Government have taken a number of initiatives to achieve clean energy targets with multiple objectives including reducing import dependence, savings in foreign exchange, providing boost to domestic agriculture sector and for associated environmental benefits. Some of these initiatives, inter-alia, include blending of ethanol in petrol under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme, SATAT (Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation) initiative, Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) blending with Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), and National Green Hydrogen Mission etc.
