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The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) was constituted under The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 notified via Gazette Notification dated 31st March, 2006 to protect the interests of consumers and entities engaged in specified activities relating to petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas and to promote competitive markets and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. Accordingly, PNGRB authorises the CGD networks, natural gas and petroleum product pipelines, determines tariff, lays down the technical and safety standards etc. PNGRB's current focus is to increase the market share of Natural Gas in India's energy basket, create infrastructure to support higher consumption of Natural Gas, create a transparent and vibrant Natural Gas market and balance the interests of consumers, transporters and producers of Natural Gas.

2. Presently there are 228 Geographical Areas authorized by PNGRB in 27 States and U.T.s covering approximately 53% of the country's geographical area and 70% of its population. In the last CGD bidding round, i.e., the 10th CGD bidding round, 50 Geographical Areas were authorized for development of CGD Network. In order to further expand the reach of natural gas in the country, PNGRB had launched the 11th CGD Bidding Round on 17th September, 2021 for development of CGD Network in 65 Geographical Areas (GAs) spread over 215 districts (212 complete and 3 part) in 19 States and one Union territory covering 26% of India's population and 33% of its area. The technical bids were opened between 17th December and 22nd December 2021 wherein 439 bids were received from 26 entities against 61 GAs.

3. PNGRB now invites electronic bids under "11A CGD Bidding Round" for the following five Geographical Areas (GAs):

Sr. No.	GA Name	State/U.T.
1	Lakhimpur Kheri, Sitapur, Bahraich, Shrawasti, Balrampur, Siddharth Nagar & Maharajganj districts	Uttar Pradesh
2	Banka (Bihar), Dumka, Godda, Jamtara, Pakur & Sahibganj districts	Bihar & Jharkhand
3	Birbhum, Murshidabad, Maldah & Dakshin Dinajpur districts	West Bengal
4	Koriya, Surajpur, Balrampur and Surguja districts	Chhattisgarh
5	Kondagaon, Bastar, Sukma, Narayanpur, Bijapur and Dantewada districts	Chhattisgarh

4. Bids for these GAs have been invited by PNGRB on 07.01.2022 and the last date of bid submission is 06.04.2022. The above mentioned five GAs bid-out under 11A CGD Bidding Round along with the previously bid out 61 GAs under 11th CGD Bidding Round would cover 28.47% of the country's population and 34.66 % of its area. Upon finalization of bids under these rounds, approximately 88% of the country's area would be authorized for development of CGD Network to provide access of natural gas to approximately 98% of country's population.

Secretary
