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Press Release

Subject: Chairperson, PNGRB Reviews Progress of CGD Network Rollout — Extends National PNG Campaign, Strengthens Compliance and Enhances Consumer Connectivity

In view of ongoing global geopolitical developments disrupting energy supply chains, ensuring uninterrupted supply of natural gas to consumers is a matter of heightened national priority. Presently, whole of Government approach is to mitigate the impact of LPG supply disruptions on domestic and commercial consumers by augmenting supplies through the Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network. In this context, Chairperson, PNGRB has undertaken a comprehensive review of the development and expansion of City Gas Distribution (CGD) networks across the country on 31st March 2026, covering the progress of the National PNG Drive, compliance by CGD entities with regard to various directives/advisories issued by MoPNG, PNGRB and various other Government bodies, and new measures to facilitate ease of gas connectivity for consumers.

Extension of the National PNG Drive — Sustained Momentum on PNG and CNG Rollout

6.5 lakh DPNG connections infrastructure developed	**5.29 lakh** New DPNG connections gasified	**2457** New Commercial Connections	**11 GAs** Newly connected to natural gas pipeline. Total 250 GAs connected to Natural Gas trunk pipeline	**Approx 10,000+** New households are gasified daily

PNGRB launched the National PNG Drive in January 2026 to accelerate the rollout of CGD infrastructure, with specific time-bound targets for expansion of PNG-D (Domestic) & PNG-C (Commercial) connections as well as commissioning of CNG stations, across all authorised Geographical Areas (GAs). The Drive has yielded significant results: as of 31st March 2026, CGD entities have developed additional DPNG infrastructure for 6.5 lakh connections, with gas supply commenced for nearly 5.29 lakh Domestic and 2457 Commercial consumers. In addition, 11 new GAs have been connected to the Natural Gas Pipeline network, strengthening supply security across these regions. Since 15th March 2026, on an average, 10000+ new PNG connections are provided on daily basis. Entities have been directed to increase these numbers to cater the current demand.

In view of the evolving geopolitical situation, the progress achieved, and the imperative to sustain this momentum, the National PNG Drive has been extended until 30th June 2026.

Compliance with Directives/Advisories Issued by MoPNG and PNGRB

Government of India, through the MoPNG, in coordination with the PNGRB and other Ministries/Departments, has issued a series of targeted measures to manage disruptions in LPG supply while strengthening the gas-based energy ecosystem. Key interventions include the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Amendment Order dated 14.03.2026 and the Natural Gas & Petroleum Products Distribution Gazette Notification dated 24.03.2026. A significant reform initiative linking the allocation of commercial LPG with the expansion of the CGD network in States has already begun to yield positive results, leading to accelerated infrastructure growth and improved last-mile connectivity.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is actively facilitating the expansion of CGD networks in collaboration with PNGRB, State Governments, municipal authorities, and CGD entities, ensuring better integration of urban planning with energy infrastructure development.

PNGRB has further complemented these initiatives through a series of regulatory measures and advisories. These include prioritizing PNG connections for households as well as institutional users such as canteens, hostels, mess facilities, hotels and restaurants, and hospitals. Additional steps such as expansion of PNG coverage and the temporary suspension of imbalance charges have been undertaken to support consumers and enhance network efficiency.

Further strengthening this coordinated approach, supportive actions have also been undertaken by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Ministry of Defence, Department of Defence Production, and the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO). These coordinated initiatives highlight a unified government approach to strengthening energy security and expediting India's transition to a resilient, sustainable, and gas-based economy.

Chairperson, PNGRB is actively and regularly reviewing compliance by all authorised CGD entities with these orders. Entities have been directed to ensure full compliance within stipulated timelines.

Real-Time Monitoring of Data and Progress

To enable effective monitoring of CGD network rollout, data of DPNG connections, CNG station commissioning, Commercial connections, and other performance parameters from all authorised CGD entities through designated reporting portal. The scale of ongoing progress is significant: as of 31st March 2026, PNG gas supply is being ensured for over 10,000 new domestic households, and 50 new commercial establishments on a daily basis.

Facilitating Consumer Connectivity

As part of its initiative to further strengthen the DPNG penetration in urban and peri-urban households, Chairperson, PNGRB has directed all CGD entities to web host their PNG expansion or rollout plan area-wise/municipality wise on their websites for the wide access of the interested consumers. Entities have been further instructed to work out the necessary modalities and prepare the Performa for online registration for the PNG connections, where the entity also have the access to assess the proximity of prospective consumers to the nearest available CGD network during the registration process. Entity should also provide the tentative timeline for connections to registered customers along with reasons. Pending registration details also to be webhosted on their website.

These initiatives will allow CGD entities to plan targeted network extensions, prioritise areas of high demand, and significantly reduce turnaround time for new connections. CGD entities have been advised to put in place a responsive, consumer-friendly system for receiving, acknowledging, and acting upon such requests in a time-bound manner.

These measures, taken collectively by PNGRB in close coordination with the MoPNG, are aimed at addressing the immediate challenges posed by global geopolitical developments disrupting energy supply chains, while simultaneously building long-term structural resilience in the CGD sector. Through the extension of the National PNG Drive, enforcement of Control Orders, real-time monitoring of network rollout, and consumer-friendly connectivity initiatives, PNGRB is ensuring that the transition from LPG to PNG is accelerated in a time-bound, measurable and consumer-centric manner.