PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Invitation seeking stakeholders’ inputs/views for formulation of Draft CGD Policy

Background

1. CGD Industry has witnessed a significant progress in the last two years in terms of authorization of Geographical Areas (GAs), which have increased from 78 GAs at the end of 2017 to 229 GAs at present, covering 71% of India’s population as against 20% at 2017-end. Most of the companies which have been awarded authorizations have already taken several steps to development of infrastructure in their respective GAs. Various authorities at the level of the Central and State Governments as well as local authorities have also generally been helpful and working along with the CGD entities in resolving the issues faced by the entities. However, some of the entities have informed during various discussions that a CGD Policy for the entire country would help the industry to boost the development of CGD networks across various states.

2. The matter has been examined in PNGRB. Though the issues referred to by the entities by and large come within the purview of the State Governments, it is felt that a CGD Policy for the entire country would work as a guide for the States to formulate their own policy and would also lead to uniform policy to an extent and help in expeditious development of CGD infrastructure. In this context, it has been decided to formulate country’s Model CGD Policy.

Constitution of High-level Committee

3. CGD Industry is considered to be the major stakeholder in the exercise. Accordingly, PNGRB has constituted a high-level Committee for a detailed review of all the issues and other aspects for fast development of CGD networks throughout the country and to draft such policy. The Committee includes senior officers from CGD entities as well as PNGRB.
Terms of Reference

4. The draft policy shall include but not limited to the following:

i. Nodal Agency/Officer by State Government to co-ordinate so as to get Single Window Clearance in time bound manner;

ii. Procedure to grant time bound Right of Way permissions for CGD Networks;

iii. Standardisation of Road Restoration /permission charges across the Country to have synergy in the process;

iv. Procedure for timely availability of permissions from National Highways Authority of India;

v. Procedure for timely availability of permissions from Railways;

vi. Procedure for timely availability of environment approvals;

vii. Procedure for timely allocation of Domestic Natural Gas for Domestic PNG and CNG;

viii. Any support which PNGRB may provide to the CGD entities;

ix. Government land at concessional rates (in line with electricity infrastructure) may be provided in various parts of the City for creating critical CGD Infrastructure viz. CGS, CNG stations, Pressure Regulating station (PRS), SV stations;

x. Planning of PNG risers and PE network to be mandated during architectural design and construction stage while developing new developed areas;

xi. Conversion of intracity state transport corporation fleet to CNG and long-distance inter-city fleet to LNG;

xii. Conversion of all Government accommodation, including PSUs, defence, into PNG.

Public Consultation

5. Stakeholders may submit their views to PNGRB by email to e-Monitoring@pngrb.gov.in by 30th November, 2019 with the subject “Inputs/Views for formulation of Draft CGD Policy”.

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