



Companies offering incentives to promote shift from LPG to PNG: Govt

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The government on Monday said domestic LPG supplies remain stable despite disruptions triggered by the ongoing conflict in West Asia, while urging commercial consumers to shift to piped natural gas (PNG) wherever available to ease pressure on LPG distribution.

Addressing a media briefing here, Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary (Marketing and Oil Refinery) in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas said commercial establishments using LPG can switch to PNG by contacting their respective City Gas Distribution (CGD) companies through email, customer portals, letters or call centres, with company details available on PNG service websites.

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incentives to encourage the transition to cleaner fuel. Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL), for instance, is offering Rs 500 worth of free gas to domestic consumers who obtain a PNG connection before March 31 and start purchasing gas. Mahanagar Gas Ltd has announced incentives including waiver of security deposits, while similar promotional measures have been rolled out by GAIL and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL). The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has also advised CGD companies to deploy additional resources and accelerate the rollout of PNG connections, officials said.

Despite concerns over LPG availability, authorities maintained that domestic consumers continue to receive uninterrupted supply and no "dry-outs" have been reported at LPG distributorships.

Officials added that nearly 90 per cent of LPG bookings were made online as of Sunday, following appeals to consumers to avoid visiting distributors physically. The use of Delivery Authentication Codes (DAC) has also improved significantly, rising from 53 per cent earlier to 72 per cent.

State governments have started distributing commercial LPG cylinders based on allocations issued by the Centre, with priority given to essential sectors such as hospitals and educational institutions. Authorities also stressed the need for strict vigilance against hoarding and black marketing.

"Control rooms have been set up in almost all states and raids are being conducted in several places including Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Mizoram," officials said,

adding that oil marketing companies have conducted surprise inspections at around 1,100 locations, including fuel retail outlets and LPG distributors.

The Centre has also urged consumers who have both PNG and LPG connections to surrender their LPG connections to help optimise supplies.

Officials reiterated that domestic refineries are operating at full capacity and LPG production has increased to around 36 per cent compared with levels prior to March 5.

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Govt urges shift to PNG to ease LPG supply pressure

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To ease pressure on LPG supplies due to the near-shutting of the Strait of Hormuz because of the ongoing war between the US, Israel, and Iran, the Government on Monday urged commercial consumers to shift to piped natural gas (PNG) wherever available to ease pressure on LPG distribution, adding domestic cooking gas supplies remain stable. Meanwhile, LPG refill bookings have declined to about pre-war levels of 50-55 lakh on March 15 from about 77 lakh on Saturday and a peak of 88.8 lakh on March 13, she said, but hastened to add that it remains to be seen if this was a permanent trend or a one-off decline primarily due to March 15 being a Sunday.

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Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra with party MPs Hibi Eden, Prashant Padole and others at a protest over LPG crisis in New Delhi on Monday

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Despite concerns over LPG availability, authorities maintained that domestic consumers continue to receive uninterrupted supply and no "dry-outs" have been report-

ed at LPG distributorships. "The share of online LPG bookings has risen to about 90 per cent from 87 per cent, with the Government continuing to promise the use of digital modes of bookings rather than queuing up at LPG dealerships for panic purchases," Sharma said.

The use of Delivery Authentication Codes (DAC) has also improved significantly, rising from 53 per cent earlier to 72 per cent. State Governments have started distributing commercial LPG cylinders based on allocations issued by the Centre, with priority given to essential sectors such as hospitals and educational institutions.

India imports about 88 per cent of its crude oil, 50 per cent of its natural gas and 60 per cent of its LPG needs. More than half of India's crude imports, about 30 per

cent of gas and 85-90 per cent of LPG imports came from West Asian countries, such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE, through the Strait of Hormuz.

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India eases rules at key ports as West Asia crisis continues

City gas networks are also offering sops for piped gas adoption to ease LPG supply pressure

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Amid the escalating war in West Asia and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, India has offered relief to shipping and cargo owners, allowing stranded vessels to temporarily dock at its ports at reduced charges, including anchorage fee, berth hire, and storage charges, Rajesh Kumar Sinha, special secretary in the ministry of ports, shipping and waterways, said.

The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), which operates India's largest container port in Navi Mumbai, has provided temporary transshipment storage for containers bound for West Asia and given 100% rebate on ground rent and dwell time charges and about 80% rebate on reefer container plug-in charges for up to 15 days for containers originating at JNPA, Sinha said.

Dwell time is the duration a container stays at the port terminal after it arrives until it leaves. He said that along with two liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) tankers slated to arrive on 16 and 17 March, a crude carrier with 80,800 tonnes of Murban crude oil from the UAE is safely en route to India.

Six more LPG tankers and four crude cargoes, all India-bound and India-flagged, are stranded at the western



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side of the Strait of Hormuz.

"At present, 22 Indian-flagged vessels with 611 seafarers remain in the west of the Persian Gulf region. Director General of Shipping continues to monitor the situation in coordination with ship owners, RPSL agencies and Indian Missions," Sinha said.

"Of the two Indian-flagged LPG carriers that crossed the Strait of Hormuz on 14 March carrying about 92,712 tonnes of LPG, vessel *Shivalik* is scheduled to berth at Mundra Port around 5pm today with documentation completed to ensure priority discharge, while vessel *Nanda*

Devi is expected to reach early tomorrow (Tuesday) morning," he added. Vessel *Shivalik* arrived at the Mundra port Monday evening.

Sinha said major ports are monitoring vessel movement and cargo operations and providing support to shipping lines and cargo stakeholders, including concessions in anchorage, berth hire and storage charges. Ports are coordinating with customs and other stakeholders, he added.

Meanwhile, in a bid to ease pressure on LPG supplies in the country, city gas distribution (CGD) networks have started offering incentives for consum-

ers to shift to piped natural gas (PNG) from LPG. The incentives include free gas worth ₹500 by Indraprastha Gas Ltd, a joint venture of state-run oil marketing firms, Sujata Sharma, joint secretary, marketing and oil refinery, ministry of petroleum and natural gas, said.

Addressing the media on fuel stocks, Sharma said the domestic production of LPG has increased 36% since the start of the war in February. On the incentives being offered to potential PNG consumers, she said: "Several CGD (city gas distribution) firms are offering incentives to promote PNG connections, including free gas worth ₹500 for domestic consumers by Indraprastha Gas, and GAIL Gas, waiver of registration charges of ₹500 for domestic PNG consumers and security deposits for commercial consumers by Mahanagar Gas, and waiver of security deposits for all commercial connections by BPCL."

Government is also expanding the city gas network and Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board has advised CGD entities to accelerate deployment of resources, encourage use of existing connections and reduce timelines for supply commencement.

As per the oil ministry, there are about 6 million household LPG consumers who can shift to PNG in the short term.

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PROMOTING PNG USE AMID LPG SHORTAGE

CGD companies offer free gas, fee waivers

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India's city gas distribution (CGD) companies are offering incentives to promote domestic piped natural gas (PNG) connections as the country faces a shortage of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) amid the West Asia crisis.

CGD companies, including Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL) and GAIL Gas Ltd, are offering free gas worth around ₹500 for domestic consumers. Mahanagar Gas Ltd (MGL) has waived registration charges of about ₹500 for domestic PNG consumers and security deposits for commercial users. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) has also announced a waiver of security deposits for all commercial connections.

The move comes as the government urges consumers to shift to natural gas amid disruptions in LPG supplies from West Asia. India imports about 60 per cent of its LPG requirement, nearly 90 per cent of which is sourced from the region.

On March 14, downstream regulator Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) advised CGD companies to accelerate resource deployment, encourage the utilisation of existing connections and reduce timelines for commencing supply. CGD entities reported 16.5 million PNG connections as of January 31, of which 10.3 million are currently active consumers, the regulator said.



Incentives galore

- **Indraprastha Gas, GAIL Gas:** Free gas worth ₹500 for domestic consumers
- **Mahanagar Gas:** Waiving off registration charges of ₹500, security deposits for commercial consumers
- **Bharat Petroleum:** Waiver of security deposits for all commercial connections

“Entities are advised to expedite the conversion of balance consumers where infrastructure has been laid and the consumer is willing to avail PNG facilities. Providing PNG supply to these consumers shall ease pressure on the LPG supply chain and facilitate diversification of cooking fuel,” PNGRB said.

CGD entities have also been asked to convert the maximum number of new consumers to domestic PNG in areas where infrastructure is already in place.

India's PNG network, including both household connections and pipeline infrastructure, has expanded rapidly over the past decade. Domestic PNG connections increased from 2.5 million in 2014 to more than 14.7 million by 2024-25, with the government targeting 126.3 million connections by 2032.

Meanwhile, in an order dated March 14, the government advised consumers with PNG connections to surrender their domestic LPG connections and barred them from obtaining new LPG connections.

LPG shortages remain a concern, said Sujata Sharma, joint secretary at the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), during a press briefing on Monday. She said the government was taking steps to ensure uninterrupted energy supplies, with around 5 million cylinders being delivered daily.

Online LPG cylinder bookings have increased from about 84 per cent to around 90 per cent across the industry. Delivery Authentication Code coverage has also been expanded from 53 per cent before the crisis to about 72 per cent to prevent diversion of cylinders at the distributor level, the government said.

The oil ministry has also asked all existing LPG consumers to complete biometric Aadhaar authentication.

Despite PNG Meter Connection, Nearly 40% Customers Can't Access Piped Gas

Large no of inactive customers likely due to rush by gas cos to ramp up connections, meet licensing targets

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New Delhi: Nearly four out of ten homes with piped natural gas (PNG) meters currently have no gas flowing to them, prompting the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) to direct city gas companies to resolve the issue quickly. This comes as the government pushes consumers of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), supplied in pressurised cylinders, to shift to PNG amid the energy turmoil caused by the Iran war.

India has 16.5 million domestic PNG connections, of which only 10.3 million are currently getting regular natural gas supply, according to PNGRB data. The remaining 6.2 million households are inactive customers who have meters installed but don't have any gas flowing into their homes.



In most cases, this is due to the absence of last-mile connectivity, said industry executives.

City gas distributors "are advised to expedite the conversion of balance consumers where infrastructure has been laid and the consumer is willing to avail PNG facilities," the regulator said.

Amid the government's push to shift more LPG consumers to PNG, city gas companies such as Indraprastha Gas, GAIL Gas, Mahanagar Gas, and BPCL are offering incentives to promote PNG. Sujata Sharma, a joint secretary in the oil ministry, said. These include free gas worth Rs 500 for households and waivers of security deposits for commercial customers.

For city gas companies, the bigger opportunity lies not in finding new customers but in activating existing ones who already have meters installed but aren't getting any gas supply, said an industry executive.

The large number of inactive PNG customers is largely due to a rush by city gas

companies over the years to ramp up connections to meet licensing targets, which diluted due diligence on actual demand, said another industry executive.

Companies also offered several connections without any upfront payment, allowing customers to pay for meters only once gas started flowing, executives said, adding that in many cases, either the companies couldn't lay the last-mile pipeline or the customer decided against activating the meter since there was no need for PNG.

The no-upfront payment scheme boosted headline numbers as the installation of meters counted as a PNG connection even if the meters never became active, they said.

Despite this, city gas companies have still fallen well short of their licensing targets. By December 2025, they had connected only 16.2 million households with PNG, less than half of the target of 38.4 million households, according to PNGRB.



Distribution companies incentivise switch from LPG to PNG

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FROM FREE gas worth Rs 500 to waiving off security deposit worth Rs 1-5 lakh for commercial users, a few city gas distribution (CGD) companies have announced incentives to encourage consumers to make the switch to piped natural gas (PNG) as part of the government's effort to reduce pressure on LPG supplies amid the ongoing crisis.

According to the government, a few measures undertaken recently have led to an increase of 26% in domestic LPG production vis-à-vis pre-West Asia conflict levels, and a further increase is likely over the next few days. These measures included ordering refiners to maximise LPG production and directing them to divert propane, butane, and other streams from petrochemical manufacturing to LPG production. The government has also increased waiting times between cylinder bookings by households from 21 days to 25 days in urban areas and 45 days in rural areas to check hoarding behaviour and manage demand and supply.

Meanwhile, Indra prastha Gas Ltd (IGL) — the CNG and PNG retailer in Delhi and adjoining cities — is offering domestic consumers free gas worth Rs 500 if they take a PNG connection and start using it before March 31. Mumbai retailer Mahanagar Gas Ltd has also announced incentives, including waiver of Rs 500 registration charge for domestic household consumers and Rs 1-5 lakh security deposit for commercial users. Similar promotional measures have also been introduced by GAIL and BPCL, said Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG).

"The current situation is worrying. But LPG is being supplied to our domestic consumers to meet all their requirements," the official said.



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Meanwhile, following direction to step up production of LPG, HPCL Mittal Energy (Bhatinda) and Reliance refinery (Jamnagar) have placed a demand for rail rakes.

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Sinha said that before the arrival of Shivalik at Mundra Port, documentation, priority berthing and everything had been arranged at the ports so that there was no delay in discharge of cargo.

He added that govt-owned major ports are closely monitoring vessel movements and facilitating cargo operations, offering concessions on anchorage, berth hire, storage charges, and temporary transshipment storage at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), which has also granted rebates on reefer container plug-in charges. Referring to a meeting with ports and other stakeholders, including shipping lines and exporters on Monday, Rajesh Kumar Sinha stated that there was no report of congestion at ports.

नई पहल शहरी गैस वितरण कंपनियों ने पीएनजी को अपनाने के लिए प्रोत्साहन योजनाएं की शुरू

एलपीजी संकट से निपटने का मास्टरप्लान अब पीएनजी पर **सरकार का फोकस**

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): पश्चिम एशिया संघर्ष के कारण पैदा हुए एलपीजी संकट के बीच शहरी गैस वितरण कंपनियों ने उपभोक्ताओं को गैस सिलेंडर के बजाय 'पाइप से भरने वाली रसोई गैस' (पीएनजी) को अपनाने के लिए प्रोत्साहन योजनाएं शुरू की हैं। पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय में संयुक्त सचिव सुजाता शर्मा ने सोमवार को कहा कि इंटरप्रिच गैस लिमिटेड (आईजीएल) दिल्ली और आसपास के शहरों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन लेने वाले घरेलू उपभोक्ताओं को 31 मार्च से पहले उपयोग शुरू करने पर 500 रुपये तक की मुफ्त गैस दे रही है।

इसी तरह, मुंबई स्थित महानगर गैस लिमिटेड (एमजीएल) ने घरेलू उपभोक्ताओं के लिए 500 रुपये का इंजीनरिंग शुल्क माफ करने और शर्णाज्यिक उपयोगकर्ताओं के लिए



फोटो: नीरज

एक से पांच लाख रुपये तक की सुरक्षा जमा राशि में छूट देने की घोषणा की है। शर्मा ने कहा कि सरकारी गैस कंपनी गेल इंडिया और पेट्रोलियम कंपनी 'भारत पेट्रोलियम कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड' (बीपीसीएल) जैसी कंपनियों ने भी उपभोक्ताओं को पीएनजी कनेक्शन लेने के लिए इसी

तरह के प्रोत्साहन उपाय शुरू किए हैं। भारत अपनी जरूरत का लगभग 88 प्रतिशत कच्चा तेल, 50 प्रतिशत प्राकृतिक गैस और 60 प्रतिशत एलपीजी आयात करता है जिनमें से बड़ा हिस्सा पश्चिम एशिया से ही आता है। हालांकि पीएनजी और पीएनजी उपभोक्ताओं को प्राकृतिक

होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य और समुद्री लॉजिस्टिक्स की सफलता

पश्चिम एशिया संकट के दौरान ऊर्जा शिपमेंट के सुरक्षित परिवहन को लेकर भी सकारात्मक खबर आई है। बंदरगाह, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय के विशेष सचिव राजेश कुमार सिन्हा ने बताया कि फारस की खाड़ी से रवाना हुआ शिबालिक एलपीजी कैरियर 'होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य' को पार कर भारतीय बंदरगाह पर पहुंच गया।

ईरान से भारतीय नागरिकों की निकासी...

अंतर-मंत्रालयी ब्रीफिंग में आर्थिक मंत्रालय के साथ-साथ कूटनीतिक मंत्रालय पर भी अपडेट साझा किए गए। विदेश मंत्रालय के प्रवक्ता रणधीर जायसवाल ने ईरान में फंसे भारतीयों की स्थिति पर जानकारी दी। अब तक 550 से अधिक भारतीय नागरिक ईरान से भूमि सीमा के माध्यम से आर्मेनिया में सुरक्षित प्रवेश कर चुके हैं। इसके अलावा लगभग 90 अन्य भारतीय नागरिकों ने ईरान से भूमि सीमा के रास्ते ही अजरबैजान में प्रवेश किया है।

गैस की आपूर्ति भी सामान्य रूप से जारी है। शर्मा ने कहा कि गैस सिलेंडर की बुकिंग 15 मार्च को घटकर करीब 50-55 लाख रह गई, जो ईरान युद्ध से पहले के स्तर के करीब है। इससे पहले शनिवार को यह आंकड़ा लगभग 77 लाख था और 13 मार्च को यह बढ़कर 88.8 लाख के उच्च

स्तर पर पहुंच गया था। शर्मा ने कहा कि यह देखना अभी बाकी है कि सिलेंडर बुकिंग में आई यह गिरावट एक स्थायी रुझान है या फिर 15 मार्च को रविवार होने के कारण आई गिरावट है। एलपीजी बुकिंग में ऑनलाइन माध्यमों की हिस्सेदारी बढ़कर करीब 90 प्रतिशत हो गई है।

पीएनजी कनेक्शन लगाने के लिए प्रोत्साहन दे रहीं शहरी गैस कंपनियां

नई दिल्ली। आपूर्ति संकट के बीच शहरी गैस वितरण कंपनियों ने उपभोक्ताओं को गैस सिलेंडर के बजाय पाइप से मिलने वाली रसोई गैस (पीएनजी) को अपनाने के लिए प्रोत्साहन योजनाएं शुरू की हैं। पेट्रोलियम मंत्रालय में संयुक्त सचिव सुजाता शर्मा ने कहा, इंद्रप्रस्थ गैस लि. दिल्ली और आसपास के शहरों में पीएनजी कनेक्शन लेने वाले घरेलू उपभोक्ताओं को 31 मार्च से पहले उपयोग शुरू करने पर 500 रुपये तक की मुफ्त गैस दे रही है।



सुजाता शर्मा

मुंबई स्थित महानगर गैस लि. ने घरेलू उपभोक्ताओं के लिए 500 रुपये का पंजीकरण शुल्क माफ करने और वाणिज्यिक उपयोगकर्ताओं के लिए एक से पांच लाख रुपये तक की सुरक्षा जमा राशि में छूट देने की घोषणा की है। गैल इंडिया और भारत पेट्रोलियम जैसी कंपनियों ने भी पीएनजी कनेक्शन लेने के लिए ऐसे प्रोत्साहन शुरू किए हैं। एजेंसी