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In pursuance of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (BNGRB) DO letter dated 24th Dec. 2025 from Dr. Anil Kr. Jain, Chairperson, regarding organizing the National PNG Drive 2.0 from 1st January, 2026 to 31st March, 2026 to enhance public awareness and accelerate the nationwide adoption of natural gas. The same is **enclosed** herewith for information and for necessary action.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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24th December, 2025

Dear Shri Vijay Kumar,

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has been constituted under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 to regulate the downstream Oil & Gas sector, including the City Gas Distribution (CGD). A core function of PNGRB is to facilitate the creation of natural gas infrastructure and to enhance the share of natural gas in the primary energy mix of the country.

As you are aware, the promotion of natural gas is a key component of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to transform India into a gas-based economy and increase the share of natural gas to 15% of the total energy basket by 2030. In line with this vision, PNGRB is undertaking various initiatives to expand the use of natural gas as a clean and convenient household fuel, a preferred industrial fuel, commercial fuel and an environmentally friendly transportation fuel in the form of CNG.

As India's energy demand continues to grow, natural gas shall play a vital role in addressing the nation's rising energy requirements while facilitating the achievement of net-zero emission target. In this regard, the CGD sector is poised to be a major driver of future natural gas consumption, promoting cleaner and more efficient energy usage across household, hotels/restaurants and industrial areas.

PNGRB is organizing the National PNG Drive 2.0 from 1st January 2026 to 31st March 2026 to enhance public awareness and accelerate the nationwide adoption of natural gas. This initiative represents a coordinated effort by authorized CGD & pipeline entities, along with oil and gas marketing companies, supported by active participation from both public and private institutions.

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The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has an important role in promoting Natural Gas usage in the ports and shipping sector by supporting enabling policies, encouraging technology adoption and raising awareness among stakeholders. The support of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways would be invaluable, particularly in promoting the use of natural gas and CNG/LNG as cleaner fuels in port operations and inland waterways transport, and PNG as a cooking fuel for canteens and pantries operating within office premises and residential accommodations provided to staff. Such collaboration would significantly contribute to reducing emissions from the maritime and waterways sector and align with India's broader sustainability goals.

In this regard, I would like to request you to issue appropriate directions/advisories to the concerned ports, shipping entities and inland waterways authorities to facilitate and promote the adoption of natural gas-based solutions. I have also directed the CGD entities to plan & develop requisite infrastructure to area under jurisdiction of Ministry/Ports. I am confident that your proactive support will contribute significantly to the success of the campaign. We look forward to a fruitful partnership in achieving the shared goals of sustainable energy and environmental responsibility.

Best wishes for the New Year

Yours sincerely


(Dr. Anil Kumar Jain)
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