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[Mercedes Benz](#) has abandoned its plans to market compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles in India because it doesn't want the owners of its expensive cars queuing up behind commercial vehicles to re-fuel. CNG may be cleaner and greener and Mercedes has the technology to roll out CNG variants of the [Mercedes E-Class](#), but the shortage of fuelling stations resulting in likely discomfort for its customers has led to the cancellation of alternate fuel plans.

The automaker was testing a CNG variant of the E-Class till last year whose mileage would have been 18-20 kilometers per kilogram of CNG costing Rs 21. Petrol sells at Rs. 46 per litre in Delhi. For a car costing at Rs. 38 lakh, more Indian customers prefer the diesel variant, which accounts for about 60% of sales of the E-Class. Mercedes in India is also involved in a jatropha plant-based biodiesel project for the last six years in association with the Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute and the University of Hohenheim.

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