

Regarding review of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana norms.-laid

SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN (KASARAGOD): The roads in hilly areas of the districts are built and monitored under PMGSY. But certain roads of the areas are not being covered under the programme due to gradient issues. Most of them are 1 in 4 (4 units of horizontal length [run] by 1 unit of vertical length [rise]) and 1 in 5 existing gradients. But as per the PMGSY-3 norms, the gradient allowed for the works is currently 1 unit of vertical length in 10 units of horizontal length which disqualifies these hill roads to be covered under PMGSY. These roads can be made as per the programme criteria by cutting and filling, but for that land width on both sides is required. The land has houses on both sides which disallows cutting and filling work to be done. Here it is very difficult to find roads longer than five kilometers. Hence, it is necessary that development of roads in these areas be covered by PMGSY. Hence I urge upon the Government that the PMGSY norms be reviewed so that many roads in the hilly regions can be included in the project in the future and connecting villages with rural roads will increase development of the regions.