

Regarding need to increase deadline for completion of Andhra Pradesh Rural Roads Project and also change the funding ratio to 90:10-Laid

SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI (MACHILIPATNAM): Rural roads really play an important role in overall and holistic development of villages and backward areas. With this very objective in mind, Government of Andhra Pradesh started AP Rural Roads Project in 2018-19 to transform rural connectivity by embarking on mission to construct more than 7,000 kms of roads with help from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. But, due to various reasons, APRR Project ran at snail's pace between 2019 and 2024 and could not achieve desired results during this period.

As per agreement with AIIB, deadline of project is 31st December, 2024. After new Government in AP, it assessed the project and came to the conclusion that it is not possible to complete it within the deadline. Hence, I request GOI to extend deadline upto December, 2026. I also appeal to GOI to change the funding ratio from 70%(AIIB) and 30%(GoAP) to 90:10 for better financial flow and project implementation.