

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a scheme to link 1.4 lakh villages by road under `PMGSY` (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) has been cleared;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the estimated cost of the project;
- (d) the criteria fixed for connecting villages in the first and second segment;
- (e) whether any relaxation in case of hilly States and desert habitations has taken into consideration;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the time by which all the habitations are likely to be connected by road?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (g): Yes, Sir. The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana seeks to provide connectivity, by way of an All-weather Road, to the Unconnected Habitations in the rural areas, in such a way that Habitations with a population of 1000 persons and above are covered in three years and all Unconnected Habitations with a population of 500 persons and above by the end of the Tenth Plan Period (2007). It is estimated that the total cost of the Programme may be to the order of about Rs. 60000 crore.

In respect of the Hill States (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal) and the Desert Areas, the objective would be to connect Habitations with a population of 250 persons and above.