

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PANCHAYAT AS NODAL AGENCY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government use Panchayats as the Nodal Agency for Rural Development schemes;
- (b) if so, the percentage of the budgetary allocation of the Ministry which goes directly to the Panchayats; and
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated to Tamil Nadu for 2000-2001 for roads and water supply?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a)&(b): Funds under such Rural Development schemes as the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) are released to the Panchayats directly through District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs)/District Panchayats (DPs). Funds under EAS are released to District Panchayats and Intermediate Panchayat whereas funds under JGSY are released to Gram Panchayats. The percentage of budgetary allocation for these two schemes for the year 2001-2002 out of the total allocation of this Ministry is 26.50%.

(c) The funds allocated under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) and Accelerated Rural Water Supply Scheme (ARWSP) to Tamil Nadu for 2000-2001 are Rs.99.25 crores, Rs.15.72 crores and Rs.73.08 crores respectively.