

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CONNECTING VILLAGES WITH ROADS UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received any requests from the public representatives regarding change in norms of population for connecting all villages with roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana from 1000/500 to 200 so far as the tribal areas are concerned because the tribal people do not concentrate in one village and are scattered;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (c) : The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) seeks to provide road connectivity, through good All-weather roads, to all Unconnected Habitations having a population of more than 500 persons, by the year 2007. In respect of Hill States, Desert areas and Tribal (Schedule V) areas, the Programme covers Habitations with a population of 250 persons and above. The population of Habitations within a radius of 500 metres is considered for determining the population size.