

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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LOAN FROM WB/ADB FOR PMGSY

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have sought loans from World Bank and Asian Development Bank for construction of rural roads to provide connectivity to villages under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana as mentioned in Hindi dated 20.10.2002;
- (b) if so, the amount of loans sought from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank, respectively;
- (c) the response of the World Bank and Asian Development Bank thereto;
- (d) the total funds required to achieve the objective of providing connectivity to all unconnected habitations and villages by 2007; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide quality roads?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) to (d) The total investment required for attaining the objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is currently estimated at Rs.60,000 crore. Keeping in view the magnitude of the Programme, efforts are underway to raise additional resources which could involve borrowings from, inter alia, the external funding agencies, such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, who have agreed, in principle, to support the Programme.

(e) The road works under the Programme are designed as per technical specifications prescribed by the Indian Roads Congress. The works are tendered and executed in suitable work packages and the contractors are required to give a Performance Guarantee of five years. A 3-tier Quality Control System has been prescribed to ensure quality of works. The Executive Engineer/Head of the PIU is the first tier while the State Authorities are required to set up Quality Control Units, independent of the Programme Implementation Unit (PIU) to monitor the quality of works. In addition, National Quality Monitors engaged by the National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) also inspect, at random, the road works.