

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PMGSY IN BIHAR
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of roads constructed in Bihar under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;
- (b) whether this scheme is only for the name-sake in Bihar in comparison to other States;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government have taken any steps to make it at par with other States; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) In case of Bihar, project proposals to the tune of Rs.452.87 crore have been cleared and a sum of Rs. 149.90 crore released under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The State has reported an expenditure of Rs.19.65 crore till October 2002 and no road works have, so far, been reported to have been completed.
- (b) to (e) The road works cleared under the PMGSY are executed by the State Government. In review meetings, the State Government has mentioned, inter alia, delay in finalisation of tenders, difficulty in procuring metal from quarries and complete stoppage of works during the Monsoon as some of the factors for slow progress. Steps have reportedly been taken by the State Government to expedite the process of finalisation of tenders and procurement of metal.