## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5237 ANSWERED ON:29.04.2005 PMGSY Singh Chaudhary Lal

## Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has made any survey to identify the Core network about 1.70 lakh unconnected habitations need to be connected under the PMGSY:
- (b) if so, the complete details of State of J&K with district-wise details of unconnected habitations particularly in the districts of Udhampur-Kathua-Doda;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to cover these unconnected habitations during the financial years 2004-2005; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

## **Answer**

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

- (a) As per the latest estimates based on surveys conducted by the State Governments to identify the Core Networks, 1,72,772 Habitations in the rural areas of the country are eligible for coverage under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).
- (b) In the State of Jammu & Kashmir, 2792 Habitations comprising 785 Habitations of population of 1000 or more, 942 Habitations of population 500-999 and 1065 Habitations of 250-499 were found to be eligible for coverage under the programme. The Ministry of Rural Development has already cleared proposals of the State for coverage of 300 Habitations, upto Phase III (2003-04) of the programme. Since rural roads is a State subject, District level details of unconnected Habitations are not maintained at Central level. State Governments are required to place these details in the programme website www.pmgsyonline.nic.in.
- (c) & (d) The State Government is to make annual proposals based on the budget provisions and allocation therefrom. As per the PMGSY guidelines, the State Government is required to make its proposals giving preference to connecting Habitations with higher populations. Proposals of the State Government for Phase IV (2004-05) and Phase V (2005-06) are awaited.