

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:451

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CONNECTING VILLAGES WITH LINK ROAD

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to connect every village with Link Road;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of segments under which the scheme for linking 1.4 lakh villages by road under PMGSY, is being implemented;
- (d) the date from which the first segment has been undertaken;
- (e) the time by which the work on all the segments is likely to be completed; and
- (f) the number of villages covered so far and likely to be covered under the scheme in the next two-three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

The Statement referred to in Reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 451 admitted for Answer on 26.8.2004.

(a) & (b) The unit for planning under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is the 'Habitation'. The PMGSY seeks to provide Connectivity to all unconnected Habitations in the rural areas, with a population of more than 500 persons, through good All-weather roads, by the end of the Tenth Plan Period (2007). In respect of the Hill States, (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal) and the Desert Areas and Tribal (Schedule V) areas, the objective is to connect Habitations with a population of 250 persons and above.

(c) to (e) As per Surveys conducted to identify Core Network as part of the PMGSY programme, about 1.70 lakh Unconnected Habitations (eligible habitations) need to be connected under the PMGSY. The programme was launched in December, 2000 and subject to availability of funds, the goal is to achieve the coverage by the end of the Tenth Plan (2007).

(f) The road works are cleared on a year-to-year basis as per the allocation to the States. A Statement indicating the State-wise number of unconnected habitations connected up to May 2004 and being connected through road works already cleared is annexed.

Annexure

Statement referred to in Reply to Part (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.451 admitted for Reply on 26.8.2004.

No. of Unconnected No. of Unconnected Habitations
Habitations being provided connected on completion of road
Name the State connectivity through road works (upto May 04)
works already cleared

1 Andhra Pradesh	913	621
2 Arunachal Pradesh	199	147
3 Assam	2232	860
4 Bihar	1784	273
5 Chattisgarh	2230	832
6 Goa	14	0
7 Gujarat	883	462
8 Haryana	0	0
9 Himachal Pradesh	1034	262
10 Jammu & Kashmir	300	0
11 Jarkhand	1341	243
12 Karnataka	389	351
13 Kerala	87	0
14 Madhya Pradesh	2853	942
15 Mahareshttra	845	259

16 Manipur	0	0
17 Meghalaya	88	26
18 Mizoram	71	30
19 Nagaland	42	12
20 Orissa	2550	1273
21 Punjab	364	301
22 Rajasthan	3726	1947
23 Sikkim	47	0
24 Tamil Nadu	1813	1184
25 Tripura	260	0
26 Uttar Pradesh	3716	2505
27 Uttaranchal	210	40
28 West Bengal	2717	825

Total 30708 13395