

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CONNECTIVITY OF VILLAGES WITH ROADS .
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether more than 50% of villages in the country are yet to be connected by roads;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve the connectivity of villages with roads; and
- (c) The details of funds allocated to each State during 2004-05, 2005-06 and proposed for 2006-07 alongwith the targets fixed in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The primary objective of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is to provide connectivity by way of all – weather road to all unconnected habitations with a population of 500 persons and above. (250 persons and above in case of Hill States and Desert areas). At the time of launching of PMGSY, it was estimated that there were 848894 habitations out of which 329898 habitations were unconnected. Out of these unconnected habitations, 172787 habitations are eligible for coverage under PMGSY. Projects have already been cleared to cover 56638 habitations with all-weather roads.

(c) A statement is annexed.