

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3174  
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NORMS FOR DESERT AREAS UNDER PMGSY  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a proposal to give concessions in the prescribed norms regarding construction of roads in the desert areas of the country particularly for Rajasthan under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any request has been received from the concerned States in this regard;
- (d) if so, whether these proposals have since been given approval; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI A. NARENDRA)

- (a) & (b) Whereas the objective of PMGSY is to connect all eligible unconnected habitations of population 500 and above in other parts of the country, in respect of Hill States (North East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal), Desert Areas and Tribal (Schedule-V) areas, the objective is to connect Habitations with a population of 250 persons and above.
- (c), (d) & (e) Does not arise.