

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS BY NRRDA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether construction of roads in rural areas of the country has been entrusted to National Rural Road Development Agency (NRRDA);
- (b) if so, whether any assessment has been made with regard to the total requirement of construction of rural roads in the country;
- (c) if so, the total length of roads in kilometers estimated to be constructed;
- (d) the average yearly construction of roads in kilometer by the said agency during the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the targets fixed for construction of roads in rural areas of the country in the coming years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a): No, Sir. National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) has set up to extend support to Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), through advice on technical specifications, project appraisal, appointment of part-time Quality Control Monitors, Management of Monitoring Systems and submission of Periodic Reports to the Ministry of Rural Development.

(b) & (c): It has been assessed in 2006-07 that on the basis of core networks, construction of about 3.70 lakh km. roads would be needed to connect all eligible unconnected habitations. In addition, about 3.68 lakh km. roads would need to be upgraded or renewed to provide farm to market connectivity in the rural areas.

(d): Construction of roads by the Programme Implementation Unit (PIUs) in the last three and in the current year till January, 2010 is given below:

Year	Length in k.m.
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2006-07	30,710.44
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2007-08	41,231.17
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2008-09	52,404.51
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2009-10 (upto January, 2010)	42,368.44
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(e) It is expected that all habitations eligible under Bharat Nirman, i.e. having population of 1000 persons and more in plain areas and 500 persons and more in special areas like hill states, desert and tribal areas will be provided with all weather connectivity by 2012.