

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MONITORING OF PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is three tier mechanism for monitoring and maintaining the quality of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to deduct the expenditure incurred on construction work from the funds allocated to States in case construction is found unsatisfactory by the National Quality Control Agency;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the PMGSY is being implemented in all States as per the target;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For ensuring high level of quality in works, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) programme guidelines have the provision for three tier Quality Control Mechanism. The first two tiers of the Quality Control Structure are overseen by the State Quality Coordinators, appointed by the State Governments. The first tier of quality control mechanism is in-house quality control at the level of executing agencies. The field laboratories are established by the contractors and mandatory tests on the quality of material and workmanship are conducted under the supervision of Programme Implementation Units (PIUs). Quality Control Handbooks have been prescribed and test records are maintained by the PIUs in the prescribed Quality Control registers. The second tier provides for quality monitoring by the State Governments through independent State Quality Monitors (SQMs). SQMs are deployed to ensure that quality issues are properly being attended to at the first tier. The third tier consists of quality monitoring of works through random inspection by independent National Quality Monitors (NQMs).

(c) & (d) Expenditure incurred on PMGSY road projects having non-rectifiable defects observed by NQMs on inspection is set off against funds to be released to the concerned State.

(e) & (f) Under PMGSY, 42,368 km. road length has been completed upto January, 2010 against the target of 55,000 km in the year 2009-10.