

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF ROAD IN GUJARAT UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Gujarat has already achieved 98 per cent road connectivity to villages and whereas the priority of the Gujarat State is for the upgradation of the existing rural roads;
- (b) if so, whether the Gujarat Government has submitted a proposal for upgradation of 2202 km. of rural roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Gujarat State has got projects cleared to the tune of 70% coverage under PMGSY, out of which 82% of road connectivity is achieved.
- (b)to(d): In order to provide connectivity to all the habitations having population 1,000 and more under Bharat Nirman and keeping in view facts including availability of resources, only the following categories of proposals are being considered presently for the clearance under PMGSY:-
 - (i) Residual new connectivity coverage envisaged under Phase-I of Bharat Nirman.
 - (ii) Projects to be taken up with the assistance of World Bank and Asian Development Bank.
 - (iii) New habitations connectivity in the 33 identified Left Wing Extremist districts.
 - (iv) Special road connectivity packages announced for the border areas.

The State of Gujarat had sent proposals for Upgradation of 2202Km, in the month of June, 2009. The proposals sent by the State were not in accordance with the above categories, accordingly, the proposals were returned to the State.