

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PMGSY IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether work under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has been running at slow pace in the naxal affected areas of various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether some of the State Government have sought relaxations in guidelines for construction of roads in naxal affected areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The State Government of Chhattisgarh has reported that the execution of rural roads projects taken up under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has been affected due to naxal activities in Bastar, Bijapur, Dantewada, Kanker, Narayanpur, Rajnandgaon and Sarguja districts of the State. The State Government had requested for relaxation in guidelines for construction of PMGSY road projects in naxal affected areas. Keeping in view the constraints being faced in the naxal affected areas for execution of PMGSY projects, the Ministry has decided to relax the programme guidelines as under:

- i. Since it is not possible to carry out detailed survey and prepare Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) because of continuing naxalite violence in naxal affected areas, Stage-I proposals may be prepared even on the basis of line estimates for these areas.
- ii. Time period for completion of works in naxal affected areas may be extended upto 18 months for new contracts keeping in view the security related interruptions. No price escalation would, however, be payable by the Central Government.
- iii. In view of the likelihood of non-availability of contractors, works may be departmentally executed in naxal affected areas by hiring machineries, procuring materials and deployment of labourers on contract or piece-work as provided in the State Government's PWD manual.