

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ADDITIONAL FUNDS UNDER PMGSY TO ST AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to provide extra funds under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to the Scheduled Tribe (ST) notified areas all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme to provide road connectivity under PMGSY to small groups of STs living in dense forest, hills or coastal areas in different parts of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the unconnected habitations having population of 250 or more persons in Tribal (Schedule V) areas are eligible for providing connectivity as compared to habitations having population of 500 or more persons in plain areas. Also, in order to cover larger number of habitations in thinly populated areas, cluster approach is followed to determine the size of population. In the cluster approach, the population of all the habitations within a radius of 500 m (1.5 km of path distance in Hills) may be clubbed together to determine the size of population for the projects under PMGSY. Further, in the areas boarding international boundary in the hill States, all habitations within path distance of 10 km. may be treated as cluster for this purpose. The funds are being made available to States to provide road connectivity to all such eligible habitations.