

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ROAD PROJECTS UNDER RIDF
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of rural roads constructed under the Rural Infrastructure Development Funds (RIDF) during the last three years and current year, State-wise;
- (b) the total amount of funds utilized for this purpose during the above period, State-wise;
- (c) whether some States have not utilized the funds allocated for rural infrastructure development during the above period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide connectivity to all habitations in the country?

Answer

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

- (a): Funds received under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund(RIDF) from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) are part of over-all resources available for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana(PMGSY). Funds are released to States out of RIDF for execution of on-going projects in addition to the funds released to the States out of resources available from other sources. State-wise details of length of rural roads constructed in last three years and current year under PMGSY is given in Annexure-I.
- (b): State-wise details of the funds released to the States under PMGSY and also out of RIDF for the last three years and current year is given in Annexure-II.
- (c)&(d): States have generally utilized the funds allocated to them.
- (e): Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was launched on 25th December 2000 as a fully funded Centrally Sponsored Scheme to provide road connectivity in rural areas of the country. The programme envisages connecting all habitations with a population of 500 persons and above in plain areas and 250 persons and above in hill States, the tribal (schedule-V) and the desert (as per DDP) areas with all weather roads. The Government of India has also identified `rural roads` as one of the six components of `Bharat Nirman` with a goal to provide connectivity to all habitations with a population of 1000 persons and above in plain areas and 500 persons and above in hilly or tribal areas with all-weather roads.