

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3512
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CONDITION OF GRAVEL ROADS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding quality of gravel roads being built under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to build bitumen roads over the gravel roads being constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) through MGNREGS; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons alongwith the report in this regard

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Two complaints regarding poor quality of material used in construction of gravel roads, one each in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, have been received in the Ministry.
- (c) & (d): Ministry has issued guidelines for convergence between Mahatma Gandhi NREGA and PMGSY. Rural connectivity to provide all-weather access is a permissible activity under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. As per the convergence guidelines, pucca roads may be constructed on the connectivity provided under the Act.