

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ALL WEATHER CONNECTIVITY

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages yet to be connected with all weather roads, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has fixed any target for connecting villages with all weather roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and the Bharat Nirman Scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;
- (d) the funds allocated/released or proposed to be allocated/released for the said purpose, State-wise during the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the number of villages connected with all weather roads under the said schemes during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. C. P. JOSHI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 269 due for reply on 29.11.2010

(a): Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), unit for providing connectivity is a habitation but not a Revenue village. A statement indicating number of unconnected habitations eligible for coverage under PMGSY, number of habitations connected so far and number of habitations which are yet to be provided connectivity under the programme is given in Annexure I.

(b)&(c): Unit of connectivity under the programme is not a village. However, habitations eligible for coverage under PMGSY were targeted to be connected by the year 2007. The same could not be achieved owing to various reasons including inadequate institutional and contracting capacity with the State Governments, limited working seasons and delay in getting forest clearance of the land falling in the forest areas. Under rural road component of Bharat Nirman it is targeted to provide connectivity to eligible habitations having population of 1,000 persons and above in plain areas and 500 persons and above in hill States and tribal (Schedule V) areas by March, 2012.

(d): Funds are allocated to States out of share of Cess accrued on High Speed Diesel in Central Road Fund made available for the implementation of the programme. Moreover, the release also includes funds from Plan Assistance, Externally Aided Projects and loan drawn from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development. A statement indicating funds allocated and released to States during last three financial years and current year is given in Annexure II.

(e): A statement indicating number of habitations connected under PMGSY and rural road component of Bharat Nirman during last three financial years is given in Annexure III.