

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PMGSY WORKS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any complaint against the delay of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) works in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details and the action taken by the Union Government thereon;
- (c) whether the Union Government has changed the existing guidelines of PMGSY works in Kerala;
- (d) if so, whether the Union Government has been aware of the difficulties to completion of PMGSY works in Kerala; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the remedial action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Rural Road is State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is one time a special intervention of Central Government to improve the Rural Infrastructure through construction of roads. The rural roads under PMGSY are constructed, maintained, owned by the respective State Governments. As such, the responsibility to ensure quality and timely completion of these roads lies with the State Governments. As and when the complaints are received in this regard, these are forwarded to the respective State Governments for taking appropriate action.

(c) to (e) The Government of Kerala has required for relaxation of norms with regard to permissible road width and gradient. The State Government of Kerala has been intimated that the roadway width of six metres can be permitted when there are constraints on availability of land and the projected traffic is less than 100 motorized vehicles per day. As regards gradient, an exceptional gradient has been permitted upto 10% for rural road as per the recommendations of an Expert Committee constituted for the purpose. However, this exceptional gradient should be limited to 100 metres at a stretch and should be used sparingly. In ghat sections, the recommendations limiting gradient is 7% and the exceptional gradient remains at 10%.