

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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METALLED ROADS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the length of roads constructed during the last two years and the current year;
- (b) the number of villages and small towns connected with Highways through metalled roads during the last two years and the current year;
- (c) the funds allocated and released for the said purpose during the said period;
- (d) whether any study has been conducted to measure progress made consequent upon construction of roads connecting small villages and towns with State/National Highways; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) since year 2000 with primary objective to provide connectivity by way of all weather roads to all unconnected eligible habitations with a population of 500 persons and above in plain areas and habitations with a population of 250 persons and above in the Hill States, the tribal (Schedule-V) areas and the desert (Desert Development Programme) areas. The length of roads constructed and the habitations which have been provided connectivity under the programme during the last two years and the current year are as under:

Year	Length Completed (in km)	No. of habitations connected
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2008-09	52,404.51	14,454
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2009-10	60,116.99	7,896
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2010-11 (upto Sept`10)	20,622.97	2,579
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(c): The funds allocated and released for PMGSY during the last two years and current year are as under:

Year	Funds allocated (Rs in crore)	Funds released to States (Rs in crore)
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2008-09	15,280.15	14,848.97
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2009-10	17,840	16,899.82
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2010-11 (till October 2010)	22,000 (BE)	10,182.02
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(d)&(e): Socio-Economic impact assessment of the Programme has been conducted which revealed significant improvement in indicators like, per capita income of sample households, frequency of motor transport, number of private transport vehicle in the village, reduction in mortality rate below 5 year age, attendance of teachers in school and land value in the villages connected by PMGSY roads.