

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PUCCA ROAD UNDER PMGSY IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount made available to Orissa for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to connect all the villages of the country with the Pucca road by 2010;
- (b) the time by which all the villages of Orissa are proposed to be connected with the Pucca roads;
- (c) whether violations of the norms have been noticed at occasions in the implementation of this scheme; and
- (d) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to prevent recurrence of the violations?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The primary objective of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is to provide all-weather connectivity to eligible unconnected rural habitations with population of 500 persons and above in plain areas and 250 persons and above in hill States, tribal (Schedule V) areas and desert areas (as identified in the Desert Development Programme). Recently, the guidelines have been amended to include the habitations having population of 250 persons and above in Left Wing Extremism affected districts, as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs, for coverage under PMGSY. Till 22nd November, 2010 funds amounting to Rs. 6,447.33 crore have been released to Orissa.

(c)&(d): Rural Road is a State subject and PMGSY is a one time special intervention of Central Government to improve the Rural Infrastructure through construction of roads. The rural roads under PMGSY are constructed, maintained and owned by the respective State Governments. As such, the responsibility to ensure that the scheme is implemented as per norms prescribed in the programme guidelines lies with the State Governments.

In order to ensure that the prescribed norms are followed scrupulously the following provisions have been made;

- (i) A three-tier quality control mechanism has been provided in the programme guidelines.
- (ii) Implementation of the programme is being monitored through monthly reports, periodical review meetings and field visits of officers
- (iii) The States have been advised to carry out joint inspections of completed road works with public representatives.
- (iv) The State Governments have been advised to deploy adequate number of dedicated Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) commensurate with their work load.
- (v) Training is being imparted to the field personnel for building their capacity in programme implementation.