

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL ROADS  
Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the assistance from World Bank received for projects under the Rural Roads Sector during the last three years;
- (b) the break-up of such funds utilised State-wise including Maharashtra; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure maximisation of benefits therefrom?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) The World Bank had approved an assistance of US\$ 399.5 million (IDA – US\$ 300 million and IBRD – US\$ 99.5 million) on 23rd September 2004 for 'Rural Roads Project' to support the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), with an objective to achieve broader and more sustainable access to markets and social services by the rural population in participating districts of the most poorly connected States, viz. Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh. The State of Maharashtra is not covered under the World Bank assistance. The details of funds utilised during the last three years are given at Annex.

(c) PMGSY scheme provides connectivity to unconnected eligible rural habitations having population of 500 persons and above in plain areas, habitations of population of 250 persons and above for hill states, desert and tribal areas and upgradation of the existing Through Routes and important Link Routes to prescribed standards to ensure full farm-to-market connectivity. The benefits of World Bank funding are being maximized for providing such connectivity. Upto September, 2010, 2409 road works covering length of 9498.30 kms have been completed with the World Bank assistance.