

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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ALL WEATHER ROADS

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to connect every village with all weather roads;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of funds sanctioned and incurred by the Government thereon, State-wise;
- (c) the measures taken to provide all weather road connectivity to unconnected rural habitations with a population of more than 1000 persons in the country including the State of Maharashtra; and
- (d) the details of villages with a population of more than 1000 persons which are yet to be connected by all weather roads, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) envisages providing connectivity to all unconnected habitations in the rural areas with a population of more than 500 persons through good all-weather roads. In respect of the Hill States (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand), Tribal (Schedule-V) areas and the Desert (as identified in Desert Development Programme) areas, the objective is to connect habitations with a population of 250 persons and above. Recently, the programme guidelines have been amended to extend the coverage under programme to habitations having population of 250 persons and above in the 60 Integrated Action Plan (IAP) districts.

(b) 1,68,268 habitations were eligible for coverage under the programme, out of which 31,804 habitations have been reported either connected under other schemes or not feasible. Therefore, 1,36,464 habitations are targeted for providing road connectivity under PMGSY. Upto December, 2010 the project proposals valued at about Rs. 1,18,198 crore have been sanctioned to States against which Rs.76,925 crore has been released. The State Governments have reported expenditure of Rs. 75,302 crore till December, 2010. A statement indicating the value of proposals sanctioned, funds released and expenditure reported is given in Annexure I.

(c) The 'rural roads' have been identified as one of the six components of 'Bharat Nirman' with a goal to provide connectivity to all habitations with a population of 1000 persons and above (500 persons and above in the case of hill States or Schedule V tribal areas) with an all-weather road. The targeted habitations under rural roads component of Bharat Nirman are to be covered by March, 2012. The proposals for connecting all the eligible habitations with a population of 1000 persons and above under PMGSY have been cleared in Maharashtra.

(d) The State-wise details of habitations with a population of more than 1000 persons which are yet to be connected by all weather roads is given in Annexure II.