

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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VILLAGES WITHOUT ROADS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has an assessment of the number of habitations in the country that are still without a road connection;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has initiated various projects to connect these places with roads; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): At the time of commencement of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), as per information collected, a total of the 1,68,268 habitations were eligible for coverage under the programme, out of which 31,804 habitations had been reported either connected under other schemes or not feasible. Remaining, 1,36,464 habitations were targeted for providing road connectivity under PMGSY, out of which 79,281 habitations have been connected upto June, 2011. State-wise details indicating the number of habitations connected under PMGSY is given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has been initiated to provide road connectivity to eligible unconnected habitations in rural areas of the country. The programme envisages connecting all eligible unconnected habitations with a population of 500 persons and above (as per 2001 census) in plain areas and 250 persons and above in Hill States (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand), the Desert Areas (as identified in Desert Development Programme), Tribal (Schedule V) areas and in the Left Wing Extremism affected / Integrated Action Plan districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission.