

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY OF MATERIAL USED IN ROADS  
Meghe Shri Datta Raghobaji

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to check the quality of materials being used in the construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and to conduct a survey of the roads constructed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): As per the programme guidelines, ensuring the quality of the road works is the responsibility of the State Governments who are implementing the programme. A Three Tier Quality Mechanism has been put in place for ensuring the quality of road works under the programme. First tier is in-house quality control and second tier is independent monitoring at State level. These two tiers are the responsibility of the States implementing the programme. The third tier is envisaged as an independent monitoring mechanism at the Central level. Under this tier, independent National Quality Monitors (NQMs) are engaged for inspections of roads, selected at random in the States. The observations of the NQMs are share with the respective State Government for corrective action.