

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CHANGE IN NORMS OF PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to make the norms of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) works flexible in accordance with the geography and atmosphere of States particularly Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to transfer more powers to States for implementation of central schemes including PMGSY; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The Primary objective of this scheme is to provide all-weather road connectivity to all eligible unconnected habitations (as per census 2001) in rural areas as was reported by the State for formulating core network, which had been finalized. Any request from the State Governments for flexibility in norms is examined within the existing structure of PMGSY programme.
- (c) & (d): Rural Road is a State subject and PMGSY is a one time special intervention of the 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.