

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DELAY IN RELEASE OF FUNDS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of projects under various rural development schemes including Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is slow due to delay in release or shortage of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether certain State Governments have sought central assistance from the Union Government under the PMGSY and other rural development schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure proper implementation of the rural development schemes?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c) & (d): State Governments and Union Territories Administrations submit proposals for central share under rural development programmes, including PMGSY, following the financial conditions laid down in the respective programme guidelines, which mainly include progress of expenditure, utilization certificate and Audit report etc. The central share is released to the State Governments/implementing agencies.

(e): The Ministry of Rural Development has developed a comprehensive monitoring system for all the rural development programmes which include Management Information system (MIS) and Online Reporting. The State Governments have been advised to adopt a five-pronged strategy consisting of (i) creation of awareness about the schemes, (ii) transparency,(iii) people's partnership, (iv) accountability, social audit and (v) strict vigilance and monitoring at all levels to improve the implementation process. The performance of the schemes in the States are reviewed regularly by the Ministry to address any constraint or shortfalls in its implementation.