

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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POPULATION PARAMETER

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) guidelines stipulate that habitations having population of more than 500 in normal area and more than 250 in tribal areas are eligible for road connectivity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to modify these guidelines on account of the topographs of the areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of works taken under the above provision so far, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The primary objective of the PMGSY is to provide Connectivity by way of an all-weather road to the eligible unconnected habitations in the rural areas of the country with a population of 500 persons and above in plain areas and 250 persons and above in Hill States (North-Eastern States including Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand) and the Desert Areas (as identified in the Desert Development Programme) as well as the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and 78 Selected Tribal and Backward Districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission under Integrated Action Plan. Under PMGSY 1,14,433 Habitations have been cleared and 82,478 Habitations have been connected till February, 2012.

(c) to (e): At present, there is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry to modify the programme guidelines on account of the topographs of the areas.