

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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OUTLAY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to hand over 50 per cent of outlay by the end of Twelfth Five Year Plan to States in phases for roads and development activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that the Government plans bigger infrastructure work in rural areas and not limited to roads; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): No Sir, there is no such proposal at present. However, in addition to rural roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the main schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development for augmenting the rural infrastructure base, are as under:

- (i) Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY): Under this Scheme, financial assistance amounting to Rs. 45,000/- in plain areas and Rs. 48,500/- in hilly/difficult areas/Selected Tribal and Backward districts, is provided to rural BPL households for construction of dwelling units.
- (ii) Mahatma Gandhi NREGS: The Primary objective of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is to enhance the livelihood security of the rural households by providing up to 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a year to every household on demand for doing unskilled manual work. Creation of durable assets and strengthening the livelihood resources base of the rural poor, such as water conservation and water harvesting, drought proofing, irrigation canals etc., is also an important objective of the Act.