

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN DAILY WAGES OF WORKERS UNDER PMGSY

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to increase the daily wages and working time of workers under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to extend the programme to more areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of amount sanctioned and released so far to various States?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Rural Road is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of Central Government to improve the Rural Infrastructure through construction of roads. The rural roads under PMGSY are constructed by the respective State Governments through Contractors. Therefore, payment of Daily Wages to Workers under PMGSY programme as per the applicable minimum wage rates as per labour laws/rules is stipulated to be ensured by the Contractor(s).

(c) & (d): The primary objective of the PMGSY is to provide in Connectivity by way of an all-weather road to the eligible unconnected habitations in Core Network in the rural areas of the country with a population of 500 persons and above (as per 2001 census) in plain areas and 250 persons and above (as per 2001 census) in Hill States; the Desert Areas (as identified in the Desert Development Programme); the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and 82 Selected Tribal and Backward Districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission under Integrated Action Plan (IAP).

(e): Project proposals valuing Rs. 1,28,736 crores have been sanctioned under the programme and an amount of Rs.1,00,417 crore has been released till May, 2012. State- wise details of the same is given at Annexure.