

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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STATUS OF PMGSY IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in West Bengal including Malda district during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the projects sanctioned under this scheme in West Bengal during the said period;
- (c) whether any amount has been released for upgradation of the existing roads in West Bengal during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures proposed to be taken by the Ministry to upgrade the existing roads and construct new roads under this scheme in West Bengal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LALCHAND KATARIA)

- (a): The State of West Bengal has constructed roads measuring 4,472 kms length under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years and the current year including Malda district.
- (b): Project proposals for construction of 2,753 kms of 603 Road works at a total cost of Rs. 1,329 crore have been sanctioned under the programme during the last three years and current year by the Ministry.
- (c)&(d): The amount is released to the State taking State as a unit for the projects sanctioned phase-wise for new connectivity and upgradation under the programme by the Ministry. An amount of Rs.2,019 crore has been released to the State under the programme during the last three years and the current year.
- (e): PMGSY is an one-time special Central intervention and envisages connecting all eligible unconnected habitations by way of an All-weather Road (with necessary culverts and cross-drainage structures operable throughout the year) as per Core-Network with a population of 500 persons (as per 2001 census) and above in plain areas and 250 persons and above in Hill States, the Tribal (Schedule V) areas, the Desert areas (as identified in the Desert Development Programme) and in the 82 Selected Tribal and Backward Districts in 9 States under Integrated Action Plan (IAP), as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Planning Commission. Up-gradation of selected rural roads to provide full farm to market connectivity is also an objective of the scheme, though not central to it and sanctioned as per State specific targets. The funds are provided for above mandate by Central Government.