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LOK SABHA**

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PMGSY IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of rural road projects undertaken under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether specifications being followed under PMGSY under Rural Roads Manual is too old and does not follow the latest technology; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and efforts being made by the Ministry to adopt latest technology and methods in construction of rural roads?

Answer

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

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) with the objective to provide all-weather road connectivity to all eligible unconnected habitations in rural areas of country since the year 2000. As reported by the State, out of 2088 rural road projects taken up under PMGSY, 1290 works have been completed by the State during the last three years. The year-wise details of road projects taken up and completed under PMGSY by the State during the last three years, is as given below :

Year	No. of road works taken up	No. of road works completed
2009-10	896	701
2010-11	550	393
2011-12	642	196
Total	2088	1290

(b)&(c): The PMGSY Guidelines stipulates that the rural roads constructed under PMGSY must meet the technical specifications and geometric design standards given in Rural Roads Manual of IRC (IRC SP20:2002). This Ministry had constituted an Expert Committee to review the standards and specifications under PMGSY for achieving economy in the cost of construction under PMGSY. The final recommendations of the Expert Committee have been accepted by the Ministry and were circulated to all the States on 30th September 2010 for implementation under PMGSY.