

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DELAY IN FUND FLOW UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the Impact Assessment Report of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the delay in release of money to the contractors by the Districts Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) hampers the timely construction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has taken into account the recommendation of placing the funds for the construction directly with the works department; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to monitor quality in construction of rural roads?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): Rural Road is a State subject and the works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are executed through their executing Agencies i.e. State Rural Road Development Agencies (SRRDAs). The funds for the projects sanctioned under PMGSY are made available to the SRRDAs in the States based upon their demand, absorption capacity, works undertaken and fulfilling of certain conditions laid down in the Programme Guidelines for release of funds.

(d): As per the programme guidelines, ensuring the quality of the road works is the responsibility of the State Governments who are implementing the programme. A Three Tier Quality Mechanism has been put in place for ensuring the quality of road works under the programme. First tier is in-house quality control and second tier is independent monitoring at State level. These two tiers are the responsibility of the State implementing Agency. The third tier is envisaged as an independent monitoring mechanism at the central level. Under 3rd tier, independent National Quality Monitors are engaged for inspections of roads, selected on random basis. Detailed responsibilities for each tier of the quality mechanism are given in the Programme Guidelines.