

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL ROADS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken construction of rural road works in Andaman and Nicobar islands in the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the current status of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the above territory;and
- (d) the targets set for Twelfth Five Year Plan?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of Government of India to improve the Rural Infrastructure through construction of roads. PMGSY was launched in year 2000 with the objective to provide all-weather road connectivity to all eligible habitations in the Core Network with a population of 500 persons and above (as per census 2001) in the plain areas and 250 persons and above (as per census 2001) in the Hill States, the Tribal (Schedule V) Areas, the Desert Areas (as identified in the Desert Development Programme). The programme is executed by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

Project proposals for 18 road works have been sanctioned to Andaman and Nicobar Administration under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) upto October 2012, out of which, 6 road works have been completed as reported by the Administration.

(d): As per PMGSY guidelines, the Union Territory is required to prepare annual proposals based on the Core Network and forward them to this Ministry after due consideration of various aspects given in the Guidelines and clarifications issued thereon.