

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONNECTIVITY TO VILLAGES UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the villages of the country including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have been brought under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of villages covered under the scheme along with the number of villages for which Detailed Project Report (DPR) is pending; and
- (d) the time by which the aforesaid pending DPR under the said scheme is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to connect the eligible unconnected habitations as per PMGSY Guidelines. The Programme envisages to provide connectivity to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network in the rural areas 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, Tribal (Schedule V) areas, the Desert Areas (as identified in Desert Development Programme) and in the 82 Selected Tribal and Backward districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Planning Commission under Integrated Action Plan (IAP). Upgradation of selected Rural Roads to provide full farm to market connectivity is also an objective of the scheme, though not central to it. Hence as per mandate of Scheme, all eligible unconnected habitations as per PMGSY guidelines included in the Core Networks prepared by the States are covered by PMGSY for providing connectivity.

(b)to(d) As estimated and reported by the States, 1,78,184 eligible unconnected habitations are targeted to be covered under the Scheme including the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The projects for connecting 1,26,973 eligible unconnected habitations have been cleared by the Ministry and connectivity has been provided to 89,905 eligible unconnected habitations till January, 2013. The project proposals for connecting 51,211 eligible unconnected habitations would be considered by the Ministry, preparation of which by the States is an ongoing process. The project proposals from the States are considered based on institutional and contracting capacity, supervision and monitoring mechanisms of the State to efficiently execute the PMGSY works with the requisite attention to quality.