

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL ROADS UNDER BHARAT NIRMAN PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the target fixed for rural roads under Bharat Nirman Programme;
- (b) whether problems are being faced to achieve the targets due to uneven funding; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): Government of India has identified `Rural Roads` as one of the six components of `Bharat Nirman` with a goal to provide connectivity to all eligible unconnected habitations with a population of 1,000 persons and above (as per 2001 census) in plain areas and 500 persons and above in the case of Hilly or Tribal (Schedule V) areas with an All-weather road. Under Bharat Nirman, the targets have been set for connecting 63,940 habitations, out of which a total of 47,971 habitations have been connected upto Jan, 2013. There is no problem related to funding in the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).