

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY OF ROADS UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to appoint any investigation agency to examine the quality of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said agency is likely to be appointed?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY) guidelines stipulate that the quality of road works is the responsibility of the State Governments. In order to bring the execution of PMGSY works to the desired quality standard, a three tier quality management mechanism has been institutionalized. Under the first tier the Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) are required to ensure process control through mandatory test on material and workmanship at field laboratory. The second tier is a structured independent quality monitoring at the State level through State Quality Monitors (SQMs) to ensure that every work is inspected at initial stage, middle stage and final stage of the construction. Under the third tier, independent National Quality Monitors (NQMs) are deployed for random inspection of road works to monitor quality and also to provide guidance of senior professionals to the field functionaries.