

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether major rural roads in Maharashtra are in dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, the details of financial assistance demanded by the State of Maharashtra for maintenance of roads under the Central Road Fund;
- (c) the financial assistance provided till date of Maharashtra along with other States under this head during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) the proposed financial assistance provided to Maharashtra in the current five year plan, year-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Rural Road is a State subject and PMGSY is a onetime special intervention of Central Government to improve the Rural Infrastructure through construction of roads. Rural Road works under PMGSY programme are executed, owned and maintained by the State Government. The programme guidelines stipulate that a separate component comprising 5-year routine maintenance to be funded by the State Government out of its resources will also be provided in the Detail Project Report (DPR). It is responsibility of the State Government to provide funds for maintenance and to ensure proper maintenance of the road constructed under the programme as per provisions under the programme guidelines.No specific demand from State of Maharashtra for maintenance has been received by this Ministry.

(c)&(d): No, Sir. There is no provision under programme guidelines of PMGSY to provide financial assistance to the States for the maintenance of roads.