

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Karnataka Government has submitted a proposal demanding maintenance fund for the roads covered under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for connecting rural roads with urban roads and also to ensure high quality of work in relation to these roads;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to release the State`s share of the funds meant for maintenance immediately; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (d) Rural road is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention for providing connectivity to the eligible unconnected habitations as per the Core Network in rural areas. Under PMGSY, allroads are covered by 5-year maintenance contract, entered into along with the construction contract, with the same contractor, in accordance with the Standard Bidding Document (SBD). Maintenance funds to service the 5- year maintenance contract are required to be budgeted by the State Government under State`s Funds. On expiry of 5-year, post construction, maintenance period, the State Governments are required to make necessary budget provision for regular maintenance, as per PMGSY guidelines.