

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of roads proposed to be constructed in Chhattisgarh under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the year 2013-14;
- (b) whether commuter-friendly roads are proposed to be constructed to link the villages having a population upto one thousand;
- (c) if so, the time by which the construction of said roads is likely to be approved; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) The objective of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is to provide connectivity by way of an All-Weather road (with necessary culverts and cross-drainage structures, which is operable throughout the year), to the eligible unconnected habitations with a population of 500 persons (as per 2001 Census) and above in plain areas. In respect of 'Special Category States', the Desert areas, the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and Selected Tribal and Backward districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission, the objective is to connect eligible unconnected habitations with a population of 250 persons and above (Census 2001).

After consideration of the proposals sent by the State of Chhattisgarh, project proposals amounting to Rs. 413crore for construction of 132 Road works covering a length of 429Km and 118 bridges have been sanctioned by the Ministry under PMGSY during the year 2013-14. Including this sanction, the Ministry has cleared project proposals of Rs. 8,333 crore for construction of 6,707 road works covering a length of 29,650 km under the Scheme till date to the State. As reported by the State, the State has completed 4,619 road works covering 20,894kms with an expenditure of Rs.5,359 crore.

(c) & (d) The Ministry has approved all the proposals of the State for construction of roads to connect all the eligible unconnected habitations with population 1,000 persons and above as per Census 2001.