

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of villages having a population of more than 500 people throughout the country which have not been connected with roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State-wise;
- (b) the efforts being made by the Government to connect those villages with the roads at the earliest which are yet to be linked; and
- (c) the time by which these are likely to be connected?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Rural roads is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of Government of India to improve the Rural Infrastructure through construction of roads. The programme envisages connecting all eligible unconnected habitations by way of an all-weather road as per Core Network with a population of 500 persons (as per 2001 Census) and above in plain areas and 250 persons and above (2001 Census) in Special Category States (namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand), Tribal (Schedule-V) areas, the Desert Areas (as identified in Desert Development Programme) and in Selected Tribal and Backward Districts under Integrated Action Plan (IAP) as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission. The unit for implementation of PMGSY is a habitation and not a revenue village or a panchayat. The implementation of the programme is the responsibility of the State Governments through State Rural Roads Development Agencies (SRRDAs) at the State level and Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) at the district level. Under PMGSY, the State Governments are required to prepare Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and forward them to the Ministry of Rural Development for approval, after due consideration of various aspects given in PMGSY Guidelines, to provide connectivity to the eligible unconnected habitations. As reported by the States, out of 1,27,708 eligible unconnected habitations (500 persons and above), 83,421 habitations have been provided all-weather connectivity under PMGSY (upto October, 2013). Village-wise details of road connectivity are not maintained Centrally.