

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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ROAD CONNECTIVITY TO VILLAGES  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any programme to connect all remote villages in the country with State/National Highways;
- (b) whether the Government provide funds to State Governments in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the work done in each State during the last three years and the current year, State/UT and year-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (c) 'Rural Roads' is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a special intervention of Government of India which envisages connecting all eligible unconnected habitations by way of a single all-weather road as per Core Network in the rural areas 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 Government of India provides 100% funds to States for implementation of PMGSY. The unit for implementation of PMGSY is a habitation and not a revenue village or a panchayat. Works under PMGSY are executed by the States through executing agencies namely State Rural Roads Development Agencies (SRRDAs) at the State level and Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) at the district level in accordance with the provisions contained in the programme guidelines. State-wise details of road works completed under PMGSY during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure.

The Government has also launched PMGSY-II to consolidate the existing rural road network. The programme envisages upgradation of overall 50,000 Km road length of existing selected rural roads in all States/Union Territories at an estimated cost of Rs.33,030 Cr. (at 2012-13 prices) during the 12th Plan period. The funding pattern between the Centre and States is 75:25 for the plain areas and 90:10 basis for the special areas. The proposals received from six States (Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh) under PMGSY-II have been considered and recommended by the Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee and the Ministry has cleared projects worth Rs.6,622.79 Cr. covering 11,234.68 Km road length.