

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1128
ANSWERED ON:17.07.2014
PROGRESS OF PMGSY IN MEGHALAYA
Sangma Shri Purno Agitok

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State of Meghalaya particularly in Garo hills region;
- (b) whether a number of projects in the State are still pending for completion;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the funds allocated/released by the Government under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, project-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to complete such projects in a time-bound manner?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) to (d) Details of road works sanctioned and completed, funds released, expenditure reported under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State of Meghalaya are given in Annexure. In all five districts of Garo Hills, out of 116 road works sanctioned under PMGSY, the State has reported to have completed 64 road works. Reasons for delay in completion of the road works, as reported by the State, include short working period due to prolonged monsoon season, low execution capacity and less than adequate availability of contractors.

(e) The major steps taken by the Ministry of Rural Development to increase the efficiency in the implementation of the programme and facilitate timely completion of projects include:

- (i) Additional Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) set up for augmenting the execution capacity of the State.
- (ii) Provisions in the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) for procuring PMGSY road works, rationalized.
- (iii) Regular training to field engineers and contractors staff for capacity building.
- (iv) Regional Review Meetings conducted periodically to identify and resolve problems of implementation.