

**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 the Government proposes to connect the villages and hamlets having the population from 250 to 349 with pucca roads and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received proposal from Rajasthan in this regard, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the Government would sanction the proposal; and
- (d) the details of proposals received / sanctioned from Rajasthan in this regard during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a) "Rural Roads" is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of Government of India to provide connectivity by way of an All-Weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations as per Core-Network with a population of 500 persons (as per 2001 Census) and above in plain areas. In respect of 'Special Category States' (States of the North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand), the Desert areas, the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and 88 Selected Tribal and Backward districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission, the objective is to connect eligible unconnected habitations as per Core-Network with a population of 250 persons and above (Census 2001). The programme envisages single all weather connectivity. Up-gradation of selected rural roads to provide full farm to market connectivity is also an objective of the scheme, though not central to it. In addition, PMGSY-II has also been launched for upgradation of existing selected rural roads based on a prescribed criterion to strengthen and to make the rural road-network vibrant.

(b) & (c): The Ministry has cleared projects for connecting 14,646 nos. eligible unconnected habitations by construction of 62,434 kms of roads costing Rs. 12,125 crore including upgradation of existing roads to the State of Rajasthan. In addition, the Ministry has received proposal for construction of 1,406 nos. roads covering 4,102 km of road length of value Rs.1,702 crore from the State Government of Rajasthan. Pre Empowered Committee meeting for the above proposals was held on 28th November, 2014 to examine the proposal and the State is required to comply with certain issues to convene the meeting of Empowered Committee to consider the proposal by the Ministry.

(d) The details of PMGSY proposals sanctioned to the State of Rajasthan during the last three years and the current year are as follows:-

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
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Value in Rs. in crores	885.81	1033	1306.36	-
No. of roads/ bridges	1076	1256	1435	-
Length of roads in km	3602.77	3564.17	4332.30	-