

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FIELD APPROACH ROAD
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had received any project proposal to develop Field Approach Road which had been prepared by District Rural Development Agency, Jalgaon, Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to address/resolve every difficulty the farmers are facing to enhance logistic development and to handle the delicacy of perishable agriculture produce by providing rural road connectivity; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) There is no specific project proposal received from the State Government of Maharashtra to develop Field Approach Road which had been prepared by District Rural Development Agency, Jalgaon, Maharashtra. There is no provision to construct Field Approach Road in the programme guidelines of PMGSY. These guidelines provides for construction of roads under two categories of "New Connectivity" and "upgradation".

(c)&(d) 'Rural Roads' is a State subject and PMGSY is a one-time special intervention of the Central Government to improve the Rural Infrastructure through construction of roads. Rural road connectivity promotes access to economic and social services, and also leads to generation of increased agricultural production, changes in cropping pattern, better prices for agriculture produce, reduction in transport costs, generation of employment opportunities in farm and off-farm sectors.