

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to relax the existing norms for providing connectivity to unconnected habitation with 100 and above population for Integrated Rural Action Plan districts and 250 and above for Non-Integrated Action Plan districts so as to benefit large number of people living in rural areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to allocate adequate funds under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to Odisha during 2015-16 in view of large value of sanctioned projects; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

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

(a) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the objective to provide all-weather road connectivity to all eligible unconnected habitations, existing in the Core Network, in rural areas of country. The programme envisages connecting all eligible unconnected habitations with a population of 500 persons and above (as per 2001 Census) in plain areas and 250 persons and above (as per 2001 Census) in Special Category States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Utrakhand), Tribal (Schedule-V) areas, the Desert Areas (as identified in Desert Development Programme) and in Selected Tribal and Backward Districts (as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/erstwhile Planning Commission). The PMGSY permits upgradation (to prescribed standards) of existing rural roads in districts where all the eligible habitations of the designated population size have been provided all weather road connectivity. For most intensive IAP blocks as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the unconnected habitations with population 100 persons and above (as per 2001 census) are eligible to be covered under PMGSY. There is no proposal to relax the above existing norms.

(b)&(c) As per the Budget Estimates of year 2015-16, the Indicative Annual Allocation of funds to the State of Odisha is Rs 912 crore under PMGSY.