

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ROAD CONNECTIVITY UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to connect all the villages, having a population of 500 in the country and that of 250 in desert areas by roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of those villages in Rajasthan which are included under the PMGSY;
- (d) whether the targets set under this scheme have been achieved;
- (e) if so, whether due to unavailability of rail crossings between villages connected under PMGSY, transportation of vehicles gets blocked and people do not get benefit of the road connectivity and if so, whether such villages are to be considered for having road connectivity; and
- (f) if so, whether the Government proposes to allocate required funds to the Railways to construct Rail Under Bridge (RUB) or rail crossing for connecting such villages and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): 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.

(c) & (d): The unit for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a Habitation, and not a Revenue village. The State of Rajasthan has identified a total no. of 16,801 eligible unconnected habitations under PMGSY, out of which projects for connecting 14,646 (87%) habitations have been sanctioned by the Ministry and as reported by the State 12,755 habitations (76%) have been connected upto February, 2015.

(e) & (f): 'Rural Roads' is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention to provide rural connectivity. As regards construction of Rail Under Bridge (RUB) or rail crossing for connecting villages across the railway, the Ministry has already advised the States to utilize the resources from the Central Road Fund (CRF) for such provisions.