

**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 there is any provision to construct roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the districts adjacent to international borders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the length of the roads constructed under the said scheme in villages located near border including the number of such villages, State- wise; and
- (d) whether the work is also carried out under the said scheme to connect the inaccessible rural areas except border areas with the main road 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 Ultra- khand), 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/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 and above (as per 2001 census) would be eligible to be covered under PMGSY. Under PMGSY, the unit of programme is a habitation and not a revenue village. A habitation is a cluster of population, living in an area, the location of which does not change over time. Desam, Dhanis, Tolas, Majras, Hamlets, etc., are commonly used terminology to describe the Habitations.

(c) The data on connectivity in the villages located near international border are not maintained Cent- rally. However, the details of the road works cleared and connected under PMGSY (upto March, 2015) in the 17 States having international border are given at Annexure.

(d) Inaccessible eligible unconnected rural habitations are considered for connectivity as per PMGSY Programme guidelines in order of priority.