

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has given directions to the State Governments for creation of a separate fund for the maintenance and repair of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) if so, whether arrangement for a separate fund has been made for this purpose in all the States of the country as per the directions of the Ministry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Union Government has taken any action against those States which have not created a separate fund for this purpose, including Maharashtra; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a)to(e) Rural Roads is a State subject and PMGSY is a one time special intervention of the Government of India to improve rural infrastructure through construction of roads. The PMGSY guidelines stipulate that the construction of quality road works is the responsibility of the State Governments. Further, all PMGSY roads are covered by a 5-year maintenance contract, entered into along with construction contract with the same contractor, in accordance with the Standard Bidding Document (SBD). Maintenance funds to service the contract are budgeted by the State Governments. On expiry of 5-year post-construction maintenance, the State Governments make necessary budget provision to place such roads under zonal maintenance contracts. The position with respect to the money credited by the State Government in Maharashtra SRRDA account for maintenance purpose for the last 3 years is as follows:

(Rs in Cr)

| Financial Year | Amount to be credited as per contract | Actual amount credited by Maharashtra SRRDA | Amount utilised |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 2011-12 | 68.20 | 68.20 | 68.20 |
| 2012-13 | 33.40 | 33.40 | 33.40 |
| 2013-14 | 31.02 | 30.95 | 30.95 |

The Government of India has launched PMGSY-II which envisages consolidation of the existing Rural Road Network to improve its overall efficiency as a provider of transportation services for people, goods and services. It also focusses to cover upgradation of existing selected rural roads (Through Routes and Major Rural Links) based on their economic potential and their role in facilitating the growth of rural market centres and rural hubs. As per PMGSY-II Guidelines, a separate maintenance component is to be funded by the State Government out of State resources, which will also be provided in the Detailed Project Report (DPR), consisting of 5-year routine maintenance cost and cost of renewal of the road surface, at the end of the period.