GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether the funds released to thenominated/implementing agencies underPradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana(PMGSY) in certain States were less thanthe cost of the projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and thereasons therefor;
- (c) the present status of theconstruction work of the first and secondphase under PMGSY in Maharashtra;
- (d) the reasons for delay in the work of construction of roads;
- (e) the time by which the remainingwork for construction of roads is likely tobe completed; and
- (f) the details of proposals received fromMaharashtra for construction/upgradationof roads and bridges during the last threeyears and till date and the action taken onthose proposals?

Answer

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

(a)&(b)Rural roads is a State subject and funds under PMGSY are released to the Statesfor the projects sanctioned, based upon their demand, unspent balance available, absorption capacity, works in hand and fulfilling of certain conditions laid down as per programme guidelines.

(c)to(e)The status of construction of road works of the first and second phase of PMGSY in Maharashtra is as under:

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Phase Sanctioned Completed No. of roads Length in km. No. of roads Length (in km). I 800 \ 1519 \ 800 \ 1518 II 690 \ 1681 \ 690 \ 1680
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The road works sanctioned under PMGSY are executed by the state government through State Rural Road Development Agency (SRRDA)& Project Implementing Units (PIUs). Hence, the responsibility of timely completion of roads lies with the State Government. However, some of the road works doget delayed and reasons adversely affecting the timely implementation of the programme, as reported by the States, are as under:-

- (i) Inadequate Institutional and contracting capacity.
- (ii) Limited working season and adverse climatic conditions.
- (iii) Non-availability of land and delays in forest clearance of the land falling in forest areas.
- (iv) Geographically difficult terrain.

(f)The details of the proposals received from Maharashtra for construction/upgradation of roads and bridges during the last three years and till date and cleared by the Ministry are given at Annexure.