

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) the details of the steps taken for providing better and metallic road connectivity to those small villages and hamlets of rural areas which are not covered under Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) in order to facilitate growth of rural economy; and

(b) the details of the villages and hamlets located in Bihar which have not been provided metallic road connectivity in the light of the above stated aspects till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) & (b): "Rural Roads" is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of Government of India to provide single connectivity by way of an All-Weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations as per Core-Network with a population of 500 persons (as per 2001 Census) and above in plain areas. In respect of 'Special Category States' (States of the North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand), the Desert areas, the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and 88 Selected Tribal and Backward districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission, the objective is to connect eligible unconnected habitations as per Core-Network with a population of 250 persons and above (Census 2001).

As regards providing connectivity to small villages and hamlets of rural areas which are not eligible for connectivity under PMGSY, the respective State governments take necessary steps under various State schemes to provide connectivity. The details of such small villages and hamlets are not maintained by the Ministry.