

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PMGSY IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages selected or eligible under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State of West Bengal;
- (b) the number of eligible villages sanctioned for spreading PMGSY network; and
- (c) the number of eligible villages where the work has already been completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) to (c): "Rural Roads" is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of Government of India to provide 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 the State of West Bengal. In respect of Backward districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission, the objective is to connect eligible unconnected habitations as per Core-Net- work with a population of 250 persons and above (Census 2001). The programme envisages single all weather connectivity. As per PMGSY guidelines, 13,822 numbers of unconnected habitations were eligible for providing connectivity in the State of West Bengal. Against this eligibility, the Ministry has cleared project proposals for providing connectivity to 13,784 eligible unconnected habitations. As reported by the State, 11,560 habitations have been connected by constructing All-Weather roads upto October, 2014.