

Title: Need to allocate more funds to Andhra Pradesh under National Rural Road Programme.

SHRI Y.V. RAO (GUNTUR): Sir, under the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojna for rural connectivity in Andhra Pradesh, the State has been allocated only Rs. 75.75 crore during 2000-2001. This allocation is very meagre keeping in view the large scale work involved. This allocation should be increased. Moreover, under the procedure prescribed, powers of the sanction in this regard vests with the Central Government. In this connection, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to the Central Government to allow the State Government to implement the programme subject to overall guidelines of the Government of India.

I, therefore, request the Union Government to look into the matter and accede to the request of the Andhra Pradesh Government made in this regard and also increase the allocation made under the National Rural Road Programme to provide all-weather roads in the State at the earliest with additional sanction.