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Title: Regarding Prime Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana in Kerala.

SHRI LONAPPAN NAMBADAN (MUKUNDAPURAM) : Sir, the Central Government has given a specification that all roads constructed under the Prime Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana, should have minimum eight mtrs. Width. The Centre has also suggested that in order to evaluate the quality, and transparency in construction, the Members of Parliament along with other representatives, officials, should examine the roads, once in six months. Kerala is the southern most state in India. Due to high density of population, difficulty in getting lands and high land price, the PMGSY Project is facing many a difficulties. Considering the Geo-Social conditions in Kerala the minimum width of all PMGSY roads should be reduced from eight mtrs. to six mtrs. The Kerala Government has already made this request to the Centre. This is the ideal season for road construction in Kerala. Therefore, the Centre should immediately issue orders reducing the minimum required width of Prime Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana roads from eight mtrs. to six mtrs.

*English translation of the speech originally delivered in Malayalam

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(Mr. Deputy-Speaker *in the Chair*)