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MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3706
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM PARIVAHAN YOJANA

3706. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
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SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Parivahan Yojana (PMGPY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives of the said Yojana;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce Viability Gap Funding (VGF) or the Government sharing a part of the cost for public vehicle and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether a study/survey has been conducted by the Government to introduce commercial passenger vehicles (10-12 seater) service in rural areas to promote public transport system in villages and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the role of the State Governments in implementation of the said scheme along with the details of amount earmarked thereunder, State/UT-wise;
- (f) whether the scheme also aims at providing new employment opportunities for skilled and semi-skilled rural youth and if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be launched and the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve unsafe, poorly regulated, informal and unorganized rural transport system in the country?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

- (a) : The Ministry is implementing Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY), the sub-scheme under DeendayalAntyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) to facilitate transport facilities in the rural areas and also provide job opportunities to rural youth. The scheme was launched in Aug 2017. However, the Ministry does not have a scheme called Pradhan Mantri Gram Parivahan Yojana (PMGPY).

(b) : AGEY has the following two objectives

i.To provide safe, affordable and community monitored rural transport services to connect remote villages with key services and amenities (including access to markets, education and health) for the overall economic development of the area by making use of the supports available within the framework of DAY-NRLM

ii.To provide an alternative source of livelihoods to members of Self Help Groups(SHG) and their families under DAY-NRLM by facilitating them to operate public transport services in backward rural areas, as identified by the States.

The scheme is currently being implemented in 14 States and 466 vehicles are operational under the scheme as on 30th June, 2018.

(c) : There is no provision of Viability Gap Funding(VGF) for supporting the scheme. The existing Community Investment Support Fund (CISF) provided to Community Based Organizations (CBOs) under the existing provisions of DAY-NRLM are utilized for providing interest free loans to the SHG members for procuring vehicles.

(d) : A pre-feasibility study was conducted by M/s. Urban Mass Transit Company Limited, Gurgaon, which has partnership with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoH&UA), State Governments and various local bodies, in Bilaspur district of Chhattisgarh State. This study covered various aspects including the assessment of total travel demand and fleet size, route planning linking villages, district and block headquarters, total capital and Operation & Maintenance cost etc. for the rural transportation network. The findings of the study were used for designing the scheme.

The State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs) undertake a feasibility assessment of the vehicles in the identified blocks and routes before submitting proposals under AGEY.

(e) : SRLMs, the nodal agency in the state for implementing AGEY, has to identify the blocks for implementing the programme, coordinate with the transport departments for permits and other permissions, support the CBOs in operating the scheme and monitor the overall performance of the scheme. No specific amounts are earmarked for AGEY.

(f) : AGEY aims to provide alternate sources of livelihood to SHGs and their family members who operate the vehicles under the scheme.

(g) : The Scheme has been rolled out on August 2017. The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing another scheme namely Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to provide all-weather roads to improve connectivity to remote and far flung rural areas.
