

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 09.11.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**ACHIEVEMENT OF TARGETS SET UNDER PMGSY .**

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Shri Ram Jethmalani

Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALCOALRURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was introduced to link the habitats in rural areas in the country with roads;
- (b) If so, when this scheme was introduced;
- (c) the time by when all the habitats were targeted to be connected with roads; and
- (d) the percentage of habitats that have been connected with roads along with the total amount spent under this head till March, 2010?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a):Yes, Sir, the scheme was introduced to link eligible habitations in rural areas in the country with roads.

(b):The scheme was launched on 25th December, 2000.

(c):Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the unconnected eligible habitations having population of 1,000 persons and above were initially targeted to be covered during 2000-2003 and those with population of 500 persons and above by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan Period (2007). In respect of the Hill States, the Desert Areas (as identified in Desert Development Programme) as well as the Tribal (Schedule V) areas, the target was to connect habitations with a population of 250 persons and above. main reasons for delay in achievement of envisaged targets include inadequate institutional and contracting capacity with the State Governments, limited working seasons and delay in getting forest clearance of the land falling in the forest areas.

(d):The project proposals for connecting 78 percent of the eligible habitations under PMGSY have been cleared and 52 percent have been physically connected upto March, 2010. The States/Union Territories have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 65,640 crore till March, 2010.