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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
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PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that many rural areas in the country still do not have proper public transport connectivity even though they are properly connected with rural roads;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by Government thereon; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to create and develop better public transport facilities in rural areas to complement the road infrastructure developed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Provision of adequate and reliable transport services on rural roads is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. However, it has been decided to launch a new sub-scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) which will be named as “Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY)”. The main objectives of AGEY are (i) to provide an alternative source of livelihoods to members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) under DAY-NRLM by facilitating them to operate public transport services in backward rural areas and (ii) to provide safe, affordable and community monitored rural transport services (e-rickshaws, 3 and 4 wheeler motorised transport vehicles) 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. The sub-scheme will be implemented in 250 blocks in the country on a pilot basis for a period of 3 years from 2017-18 to 2019-20. The States have been informed about the number of blocks allocated to them to take up this sub-scheme in the pilot phases. The guidelines of the scheme are under finalization, after which the scheme will be launched.
