

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3958
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018

LAUNCHING OF PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM PARIVAHAN YOJANA

3958. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched or is contemplating to launch the Pradhan Mantri Gram Parivahan Yojana (PMGPY) scheme to facilitate the transport facilities in rural areas and also enhance job opportunities for rural youth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of funds earmarked for this purpose; and
- (d) by when this scheme will be implemented and the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry does not have a scheme called Pradhan Mantri Gram Parivahan Yojana (PMGPY). But the Ministry is implementing Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY), the sub-scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) to facilitate transport facilities in the rural areas and also provide alternative sources of income to members of Self Help Groups. The scheme was launched in August, 2017. AGEY has the following two objectives:-

a. 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 facilities) for the overall economic development of the area by making use of the supports available within the framework of DAY-NRLM

b. 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, as identified by the States.

(c): There is no separate budgetary allocation under AGEY. Under the programme, the Community Investment Fund (CIF) provided to Community based Organisations (CBOs) under the existing provisions of DAY-NRLM are utilised for providing interest free loans to the SHG members.

(d): The scheme is currently being implemented in 9 states and 288 Vehicles are being operated under the scheme as on 28th February, 2018.
