

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1570
 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23/09/2020

PMGSY IN DARJEELING HILLS DISTRICT

1570 SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of roads identified for development under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Darjeeling Hills district, in particular, and other districts of West Bengal, in general;
- (b) the total funds sanctioned, spent and unspent under the scheme during the last three years, particularly in Darjeeling Hills district, and in West Bengal, in general; and
- (c) the manner in which Government proposes to speed up the road connectivity?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) A total of 7,325 road works of 37,145 Km length have been sanctioned to the State of West Bengal under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)-I& II. District-wise details of road works sanctioned, including those of Darjeeling district, are given at **Annexure**. Further, the State has been allocated a target of 6,287.5 Km roads under PMGSY-III.

(b) The programme fund released including State share, expenditure incurred and unspent balance under the scheme for execution of projects during the last three years in the State of West Bengal are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

| Item | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Opening balance as on 1st April of the year | 1,215.07 | 1,816.41 | 2,185.90 |
| Central share released | 990.39 | 1,381.77 | 231.28 |
| State share released | 710.23 | 920.72 | 0 |
| Fund utilized | 1253.13 | 2058.28 | 1512.52 |
| Unspent Balance @ | 1816.41 | 2185.90 | 1028.10 |

@ inclusive of other Miscellaneous receipts

The funds for the cleared projects are released by the Ministry of Rural Development to the State Consolidated Fund on the basis of balance works in hand, unspent balance, etc. The state then has to transfer the funds along with the corresponding State Share in the account of State Rural Road Development Agency (SRRDA). Further allocation of funds to the Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) is done by the SRRDA. As reported by the State Government, the

funds released, expenditure incurred and unspent balance under the scheme during the last three years in Darjeeling district are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

| Item | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Opening balance as on 1st April of the year | 24.96 | 23.37 | 30.81 |
| Funds released | 18.78 | 157.79 | 123.97 |
| Fund utilized | 16.68 | 152.86 | 122.86 |
| Unspent Balance @ | 23.27 | 30.81 | 34.92 |

@ inclusive of other Miscellaneous receipts

(c) The progress of implementation of rural roads under PMGSY is regularly monitored by way of Regional Review Meetings (RRMs), Performance Review Committee (PRC) Meetings, Pre-Empowered/Empowered Committee Meetings, monthly review meetings, etc. At District level, the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (Disha) headed by Member of Parliament (LS) monitors the implementation of various schemes of Government of India including PMGSY. In addition to this, special review meetings are also held by Secretary/ Additional Secretary/ Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development with Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries of the States. Various training and orientation programmes are also organized from time to time for state government officials to increase their capacity.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1570 for
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| S.No. | District Name | No. of Road works Sanctioned | Road Length Sanctioned in Km |
|-------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Bankura | 702 | 3,313 |
| 2 | Birbhum | 351 | 2,321 |
| 3 | Cooch-Behar | 386 | 1,330 |
| 4 | Dakshin Dinajpur | 258 | 1,019 |
| 5 | Darjeeling | 252 | 1,349 |
| 6 | Hooghly | 382 | 1,622 |
| 7 | Howrah | 350 | 1,344 |
| 8 | Jalpaiguri | 170 | 1,041 |
| 9 | Maldah | 221 | 1,595 |
| 10 | Murshidabad | 424 | 2,216 |
| 11 | Nadia | 264 | 1,824 |
| 12 | North 24 Parganas | 485 | 2,269 |
| 13 | Paschim Medinipur | 767 | 3,899 |
| 14 | Purba Medinipur | 213 | 1,406 |
| 15 | Purulia | 438 | 2,408 |
| 16 | Siliguri M.P. | 102 | 389 |
| 17 | South 24-Parganas | 368 | 1,876 |
| 18 | Uttardinajpur | 364 | 1,553 |
| 19 | Alipurduar | 138 | 815 |
| 20 | Purba Burdwan | 263 | 1,470 |
| 21 | Paschim Burdwan | 72 | 316 |
| 22 | Jhargram | 355 | 1,770 |
| | | 7,325 | 37,145 |