

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 614
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26/07/2024

MAKING AATMANIRBHAR VILLAGES

614 SMT. SANGEETA YADAV:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made by Government to make the villages Aatmanirbhar on the lines of Aatmanirbhar Bharat;
- (b) whether Government is making efforts to create adequate civic amenities in the villages and marketing infrastructure closer to farms; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)

(a): The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has adopted multi-pronged strategies to improve the economic well-being of people in rural areas with the main focus on increasing livelihood opportunities, empowering rural women, providing social safety net skilling of rural youth, infrastructure development etc. with the aim to make rural India 'Aatmanirbhar' through its Programmes. In this regard, the Government is implementing a number of targeted programmes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and Watershed Development Component (WDC) of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY)- with the primary objective is to develop rainfed/ degraded lands.

(b) & (c): Efforts has been made by this Ministry to create civic amenities in villages and marketing infrastructure closer to farms. PMGSY is a one-time special intervention of Government of India to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network. It was launched in the year 2000 as a measure towards alleviation of poverty in rural areas by providing access to basic services to the rural population by providing them good quality roads. Since inception till 22.07.2024, a total of 8,27,419 km road length has been sanctioned, out of which 7,65,512 Km road length has been completed.

Recently, a separate vertical under PMGSY has been launched for providing road connectivity to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) habitations. The target length is 8,000 Km with a time span of 5 years (2023-24 to 2027-28). So, far 2,813.11 Km has already been sanctioned under Pradhan MantriJanjatiAdivasiNyayaMahaAbhiyan (PM-JANMAN).

PMAY-G aims to provide assistance to the households for construction of *Pucca* house with basic amenities which is the first step to make them *Atmanirbhar*. Under this scheme, provisions have been made for convergence with other schemes of the Central and State Governments to provide the beneficiaries with toilet, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) connection, electricity connection, access to safe drinking water, solar rooftop for clean energy, enrolment in Self Help Groups (SHGs), etc. Out of the total target of 2.95 crore, more than 2.94 crore houses have been sanctioned and 2.64 crore houses have been constructed.
