

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 55
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/11/2024

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PMGSY IN GOA

*55 SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted an assessment on how rural road connectivity in Goa has contributed to improving the daily efficiency of rural residents and facilitating faster access to essential services such as healthcare, education, and markets, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has impacted Goa's rural economy, including increase in local employment, business opportunities and ease of market access for agricultural and other rural produce, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the role of rural connectivity under PMGSY in Goa in terms of social and economic development?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA
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(a) to (c): Various independent evaluation studies, conducted by NITI Aayog, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A), World Bank India and International Labour Organization (ILO), on Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) have concluded that it has improved access to education and health care facilities, facilitated employment generation in both farm and non-farm sectors, helped farmers in getting better farm prices etc. No Goa specific assessment has been carried out. The State of Goa was sanctioned 70 roads of 155 km road length under PMGSY-I during 2000-2001, out of which the State has completed all the length.

The evaluation of PMGSY, at the national level, by NITI Aayog, in 2020, has specifically mentioned the following impacts:

- i. Scheme is well aligned with India's International Goals and contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as it addresses the issues of poverty, hunger and infrastructure for growth;
- ii. Roads constructed under PMGSY have been observed to create positive impact both at level of the household and the community;
- iii. The roads have been observed to increase access to market and livelihood opportunities, health and education facilities; and
- iv. PMGSY is noted to build the foundations for long-lasting poverty reduction in rural India. Improved rural connectivity provides a long-term and sustained boost in the living standards of rural population as it allows households to accumulate wealth and human capital.
