

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 612**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/11/2024

**PLANS TO STRENGTHEN RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN GOA**

612 SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific plans under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for further improving rural road connectivity in Goa in the coming years, including any new or pending projects; and
- (b) the details of additional initiatives, if any, by Government to strengthen rural infrastructure in Goa to support sustained economic growth and quality of life improvements for rural residents?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): The Government approved Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)-III in July, 2019 for consolidation of 1,25,000 Km Through Routes and Major Rural Links connecting habitations, inter-alia, to Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs), Higher Secondary Schools and Hospitals. The period of implementation of PMGSY-III is 2019-2025. The road length allocated for the State of Goa under PMGSY-III is 62.5 km.

The State has identified 11 roads of 70.007 km and 3 Long Span Bridges (LSBs) for consideration under PMGSY-III. All proposals received from the State are scrutinized by the Ministry in the Empowered Committee meetings. The recommendations of the Empowered Committee are submitted to the Minister of Rural Development and in case the proposals meet the programme requirements, the same are sanctioned.

Further, the Government of India has approved phase IV of PMGSY in September 2024 to provide all-weather connectivity to 25,000 unconnected habitations of population size 500+ in plains, 250+ in NE & Hill States/UTs, special category areas (Tribal Schedule V, Aspirational Districts/Blocks, Desert areas) and 100+ in LWE affected districts, as per Census 2011. Eligible unconnected habitations in Goa, if any, will also be covered under the scheme.

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