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RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT UNDER PMGSY IN ODISHA

3980 SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of rural roads constructed in Odisha under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the last five years;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized for rural road construction under PMGSY in Odisha;
- (c) the number of villages in Odisha that still lack proper road connectivity; and
- (d) the initiatives taken to provide road access to remote and tribal regions in Odisha?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): "Rural roads" is a State subject. The Government of India, as a part of poverty reduction strategy, launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) on 25th December, 2000 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to assist the States in providing connectivity to eligible unconnected habitations by way of all-weather roads. Under PMGSY, habitations with population (census, 2001) of 500+ in plain areas and 250+ in North-East and Himalayan States, Desert areas, Tribal (Schedule V) areas and 88 Selected Tribal and Backward districts (as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) were eligible for coverage under the scheme. In addition to above, in order to ensure improved road connectivity under PMGSY for most remote and tribal areas, additional relaxation has been given to connect habitations with population 100 to 249 persons in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected Blocks as identified by the MHA.

Under various interventions of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), a total of 2,810 roads, measuring 10,753 kilometers in length, have been constructed in the State of Odisha during the last five years.

Since inception of PMGSY, an amount of Rs 24,845 crore has been released and Rs 33,311 crore (including State share) has been utilized by the State of Odisha under PMGSY including Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA). Details of habitations sanctioned, completed and balance 250+ and 100-249 are as under:-

Population category (250+)			Population category (100-249) (LWE affected areas)		
No. of habitations sanctioned	No. of habitations connected	Balance	No. of habitations sanctioned	No. of habitations connected	Balance
15,313	15,307	6	1,688	1,684	4

In addition to above, 40 roads of 147.87 km length and 02 bridges have also been sanctioned to the State of Odisha under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) to improve the socio-economic conditions of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in Odisha.

Recently, 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. The Ministry is coordinating closely with the State Governments and providing the required assistance for submission of proposals by the States.
