

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 622
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/02/2025

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS UNDER PMGSY

622 SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether thousands of kilometers of rural roads constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) get damaged every year, particularly in cyclone and floodprone states like Odisha, and remain under poor maintenance;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the lack of adequate provisions for the maintenance of PMGSY roads; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure regular maintenance of these roads, thereby extending their serviceable life?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): 'Rural Roads' is a state subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network. Maintenance of roads constructed under the programme is the responsibility of the State Governments and all road works are covered by initial five year maintenance contracts to be entered into along with the construction contract, with the same contractor, as per the Standard Bidding Document. Maintenance funds to service the contract are required to be budgeted by the State Governments and placed at the disposal of the State Rural Roads Development Agencies (SRRDAs) in a separate maintenance account. On expiry of the 5 year post construction maintenance, PMGSY roads are required to be placed under Zonal maintenance contracts consisting of 5 year maintenance including renewal as per maintenance cycle, from time to time, which are also financed by the state governments.

As informed by the State Government of Odisha, the damage due to cyclone and floods is limited to 100-200 km approximately, particularly in the affected districts and not in the entire State. It has also been informed by the State that necessary action has been taken by the State Government to bring the roads back to the pre-flood/ cyclone condition.

Adequate provisions have been made by the State Government towards the maintenance of the PMGSY roads. As reported by State Government, the total amount spent towards maintenance and renewal of PMGSY roads in last 5 years is ₹ 2711.56 Cr. The State has also informed that ₹ 676.24 Cr. (including state share) has also been received from Government of India as incentive grant for renewal of PMGSY roads during the last 5 years.
