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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1581
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/08/2025

RURAL CONNECTIVITY IN HILL STATES UNDER PMGSY-III

1581 Shri Harsh Mahajan:

Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new rural roads constructed and upgraded so far in the hill States under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-III);
- (b) the status of progress, budget allocation and targeted kilometres under the said scheme in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and the North Eastern States; and
- (c) whether any special construction standards or technological innovations have been adopted in view of climatic challenges, difficult terrain and landslides, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III (PMGSY-III) was launched in 2019 for consolidation of the existing Rural Road Network by upgradation of 1,25,000 kms of existing Through Routes and Major Rural Links that connect habitations to Gramin Agricultural Markets, Higher Secondary Schools and Hospitals. As on 28th July, 2025, a total of 15,972 roads of 1,22,419 km length, and 3,212 bridges have been sanctioned under PMGSY-III, out of which 11,740 roads of 98,653 km length and 1,380 bridges have already been constructed across the country. The status of implementation of PMGSY-III in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir, and the North Eastern States, as on 28-7-2025, is at **Annexure**. The timeline for completion of ongoing works under PMGSY-III is March 2026.

(c): PMGSY has promoted the use of local, non-conventional and green technologies in rural roads construction. Environment-friendly green technologies such as Cold Mix Technology, Waste Plastics, Full Depth Reclamation (FDR), Cell-filled Concrete, Panelled Cement Concrete etc. are being used in the construction of roads under PMGSY-III. These technologies not only reduce the depletion of good quality conventional materials but also minimize the damage to environment from emission of greenhouse gases and heavy suspended particles in the air.

The standards for construction of roads under PMGSY are based on as per site conditions. The rural roads under PMGSY-III are constructed as per technical specifications and geometric design standards given in Ministry of Rural Development Specifications for Rural Roads, Rural Roads Manual IRC SP: 20: 2002, IRC SP: 72: 2015 and also where required, the Hill Roads Manual IRC SP: 48 and other IRC Codes/ guidelines.

Annexure referred to in parts (a) & (b) of reply of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1581 to be answered on 01.08.2025.

Status of progress under PMGSY-III in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and the North Eastern States

Sr. No.	State/ UT Name	Sanctioned			Value of Project (₹ in Crore)	Completed			Expenditure (including State Share) (₹ in Crore)
		No. of Roads	Road Length (km)	No. of Bridges		No. of Roads	No. of Bridges	Road Length (km)	
1	Arunachal Pradesh	171	1,374.14	67	1,438.55	35	12	405.19	609.72
2	Assam	654	4,247.11	69	3,015.69	520	31	3,543.08	2,412.11
3	Himachal Pradesh	299	3,123.12	43	3,345.82	30	1	1,039.75	1,035.41
4	Jammu and Kashmir	223	1,752.12	66	2,245.46	169	15	1,465.65	1,580.72
5	Ladakh	55	455.63	0	473.04	2	0	27.17	124.79
6	Manipur	97	783.21	0	629.87	0	0	0.00	3.62
7	Meghalaya	143	1,225.41	55	1,468.86	27	0	329.48	253.32
8	Mizoram	17	487.50	7	630.40	0	0	215.28	27.80
9	Nagaland	43	545.12	0	527.64	0	0	0.00	23.61
10	Sikkim	45	285.90	20	350.13	1	0	48.43	73.41
11	Tripura	99	777.22	6	743.26	10	0	133.12	152.82
12	Uttarakhand	212	2,287.95	9	1,865.34	64	0	1,378.79	1,005.45
Total		2,058	17,344.43	342	16,734.06	858	59	8,585.96	7,302.78
