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SURVEY FOR FOURTH PHASE OF THE PMGSY IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

1575 Ms. InduBalaGoswami:

Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has completed the survey for the fourth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has proposed any road connectivity scheme for tribal areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the survey for the fourth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) has been completed in Himachal Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a), (b) & (e): The Government of India has launched Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana-IV (PMGSY-IV) on September 11, 2024, to provide all-weather road connectivity to 25,000 unconnected habitations of designated population size (500+ in plain areas, 250+ in North-Eastern States, Hill States/UTs & special category areas and 100+ in LWE-affected districts) which have become eligible as per the 2011 census. Details laid in the extant guidelines of PMGSY-IV which is available on the programme website may be accessed "https://pmgsy.nic.in/sites/default/files/document_nrida/PMGSY-IV_Final_Guidelines.pdf".

A fresh survey was carried out by all the implementing States/UTs including the State of Himachal Pradesh using the "Gram Sadak Survey" App to identify the eligible habitations for PMGSY-IV. The survey has been completed by all the States/UTs including the State of Himachal Pradesh.

Verification of surveyed habitations by States/UTs is being scrutinized by the technical wing of the Ministry, viz, National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA), as per programme guidelines. Under PMGSY-IV, a total of 51,343 unconnected habitations have been surveyed by the States/ UTs across the country, out of which 40,547 habitations are found tentatively eligible. From the eligible surveyed habitations, a tentative 30,129 eligible habitations have been verified by the technical wing, and the balance are under process. The number of eligible habitations is tentative in nature and may vary as final scrutiny is done at the time of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) submission by the States/UTs for approval of proposal.

The State of Himachal Pradesh has surveyed 1945 eligible habitations, which are to be scrutinized through the technical wing of the Ministry and after scrutiny, road proposals will be considered by the Ministry as per proposals received from respective States/UTs. First batch proposal of 295 roads having 1538 km length, covering 429 habitations from the State of Himachal Pradesh, is under consideration in the Ministry.

(c) & (d): The Government of India launched the Pradhan MantriJanjatiAdivasiNyayaMahaAbhiyan (PM-JANMAN) on November 15, 2023, targeting the development of 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) through 11 critical interventions. The road connectivity component under PM-JANMAN is being implemented by the Department of Rural Development as a vertical of Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) with an objective to provide road connectivity to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) beneficiaries by relaxing the population criteria upto 100 from existing 500+ in plain areas and 250+ in NE & Hilly states. A target of 8000 Km with an outlay of ₹ 8000 crore has been given under the component with a cost ceiling of Rs 1 crore/Km by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), which is the administrative in-charge department for PM-JANMAN.

Under PM-JANMAN, a total of 2,495 roads of 7,324 km and 211 bridges have been sanctioned to the States/UTs, out of which 201 roads of 887.06 km length have been constructed till date. The timeline for completion of PM-JANMAN is March 2028.

Further, to ensure inclusive and equitable access in backwards and marginalised areas, PMGSY-IV is being implemented in convergence with two flagship inclusion-focused initiatives, namely:

(i) DhartiAabaJanjatiya Gram UtkarshAbhiyan (DA-JGUA) which aims to connect habitations with 500+ population and 50% or more ST population, or habitations with 50+ ST population in the 250+ category in Aspirational Districts, as per Census 2011, and are given priority under PMGSY IV;

(ii) Pradhan MantriAnusuchitJaatiAbhyudayYojana (PM-AJAY), which aims to connect habitations with 500+ population and 40% or more SC population, and are given priority under PMGSY-IV.
