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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 776
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ROADS CONSTRUCTED UNDER PMGSY IN JHARKHAND

776 Smt. Mahua Maji:

Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of roads constructed and the length of construction in kilometer completed in Jharkhand in 2024-25 under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether rural road connectivity has been improved in the tribal areas of Jharkhand and whether Panchayati Raj institutions and women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have been involved in road maintenance works, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): A total of 148 roads, measuring 1,638 km, and 59 bridges have been constructed in the State of Jharkhand in the financial year 2024-25 under various interventions/verticals of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

(b): The Government of India, as a part of its 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 the above, in order to improve the socio-economic conditions of the people living in the remote and tribal areas, additional relaxation in population norms has been given, and habitations with a population between 100 to 249 persons were also taken up for providing all-weather road connectivity in LWE affected areas.

A total of 31,700 kilometres of road length and 711 bridges have been constructed under various interventions/verticals of PMGSY in the State of Jharkhand as on 30.11.25.

Additionally, 300 roads (914 km) have been sanctioned to the State of Jharkhand under the PM-JANMAN initiative as of November 29, 2025, which seeks to improve the socio-economic conditions of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

The Government of India has approved Phase-IV of PMGSY in September 2024 to provide all-weather road 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 working in close coordination with the State for sanction of the works under PMGSY-IV.

Due to above mentioned initiatives, road connectivity has improved in the tribal areas of Jharkhand.

The states of Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh launched a pilot initiative engaging Women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for the off-carriageway maintenance of PMGSY roads.
