

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 90
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017

MONITORING OF CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL ROADS

***90. SHRI G. HARI:**

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to ensure efficient and stringent monitoring of construction of rural roads across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government also proposes to examine global standards in the application of technology for road construction; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 90 for answer on 21.12.2017

(a): The construction of rural roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is regularly monitored by way of Regional Review Meetings (RRMs), Performance Review Meeting (PRC), Pre-Empowered Committee and Empowered Committee Meetings with the States. At District level, the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (Disha) headed by a Member of Parliament monitors the implementation of various schemes of Government of India including Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. In addition to this, review meetings are also held by Secretary/ Additional Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development with Chief Secretaries of the States. For effective monitoring of road works constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), an On-line Management, Monitoring and Accounting System (OMMAS) (www.omms.nic.in) has also been developed. A three-tier Quality Control mechanism viz. Project Inspection Unit (PIU), State Quality Monitors (SQM) and National Quality Monitors (NQM) is envisaged under the PMGSY for ensuring construction of quality road works. Further, the Government has decided to use geo- informatics using satellite imagery, on a real time basis, to verify the progress of implementation of PMGSY as reported electronically by the States.

(b) & (c): In India, Indian Roads Congress (IRC), an autonomous body of Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (MoRTH), prescribes the standards for construction of roads including PMGSY roads. Various Committees of IRC, consider the different technologies being adopted globally for construction of roads and recommends the appropriate technologies for adoption in India. These recommendations are finally approved by IRC Council and then adopted as Technical Standards for Indian roads. Under PMGSY, efforts have been made to adopt various new technologies including stabilization techniques, cold mix, waste plastic, nano-technology, natural and man-made textiles, use of locally available materials, use of waste materials, etc. The States have reported completion 10,984 Km of road length using such Technologies under PMGSY since its inception.
