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LOK SABHA
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MONITORING OF CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL ROADS

953. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

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 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 STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): 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. PMGSY is executed through State Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) at State level and Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) at district levels and timely completion of PMGSY roads is the responsibility of the respective State Government. The construction of rural roads under PMGSY is regularly monitored by way of Regional Review Meetings (RRMs), Performance Review Committee 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 (LS) monitors the implementation of various schemes of Government of India including PMGSY. 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 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 also initiated a project 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): 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. 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 to have completed 10,984 Km of road length using such technologies under PMGSY since its inception.
