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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 655
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018

UPGRADATION OF ROADS UNDER PMGSY

655. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

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

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned the roads and upgradation of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria used in this regard; and
- (c) the length of roads which would be constructed and upgraded along with the funds that have been issued to the State Government for the said purpose?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of the Union Government to provide rural connectivity, by way of single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network. Under PMGSY, all eligible unconnected habitations with more than 500 population in plain areas, 250+ population in Special Category States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand), the Desert Areas (as identified in the District Development Programme), the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and Selected Tribal and Backward districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/NITI Aayog as per 2001 census are to be connected by all weather road. For critical Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected blocks (as identified by MHA), additional relaxation has been given to connect habitations with population of 100 persons and above.

The PMGSY also permits the upgradation (to prescribed standards) of the existing roads in those Districts where all the eligible Habitations of the designated population size have been provided all-weather road connectivity. However, upgradation is not central to the programme.

Further, the Government launched a new intervention in the scheme namely PMGSY-II for consolidation of total 50,000 Km existing Rural Road Network to improve its overall efficiency as a provider of transportation services for people, goods and services.

Since inception till November, 2018, the State of Kerala has been sanctioned 3,916.71 Km road length of new connectivity and upgradation. A sum of Rs. 1409.78 crore has been released by the Government of India for implementation of the Scheme. As reported by the State Government, till November, 2018, the State has completed construction of 3,278.03 Km with an expenditure of Rs. 1,705.79 crore.
