

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 147**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.07.2019

**AAJEEVIKA GRAMEEN EXPRESS YOJANA**

\*147. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY) to facilitate transport facilities in rural areas and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the number of States which have implemented AGEY as on date;
- (b) whether the Union Government has taken steps to implement the schemes in all the States/UTs which will facilitate transport facilities in the rural areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated/utilized since the inception of the Yojana and the main rural transport vehicle that is being provided under the said Yojana;
- (d) whether any special provision has been made for women under the said Yojana and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to set up and develop transport facilities in rural areas for betterment of rural people?

**ANSWER**  
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

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

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**STATEMENT (a) to (e) REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*147 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.07.2019.**

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry is implementing Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY), the sub-scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) to facilitate transport facilities in the rural areas and also provide job opportunities to members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under DAY-NRLM. The scheme was launched in August, 2017.

AGEY has the following two objectives

- i. To provide safe, affordable and community monitored rural transport services to connect remote villages with key services and amenities (including access to markets, education and health) for the overall economic development of the area by making use of the supports available within the framework of DAY-NRLM.
- ii. To provide an alternative source of livelihoods to members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) and their families under DAY-NRLM by facilitating them to operate public transport services in backward rural areas, as identified by the States.

The scheme has been approved for all 34 States/UTs and allocation of 250 blocks to the States/UTs is detailed in Annexure I.

Project proposals have been approved for 22 States/UT. Presently 17 States are implementing the scheme and 730 Vehicles are operational. The details are in Annexure II.

(c): There is no separate budgetary allocation for AGEY. Under the programme, the Community Investment Fund (CIF) provided to Community Based Organisations (CBOs) under the existing provisions of DAY-NRLM are utilised for providing interest free loans to the SHG members. Till date, an amount of Rs 27.21 Cr has been spent from CIF till date for supporting the scheme.

The guidelines do not specify any specific variety of vehicle but only a cost ceiling of Rs 6.50 lakhs under the scheme. The Cluster Level Federation (CLF) and Village Organization (VO's) identify the vehicle based on the local need and commercial viability. However, based on the records available, 37% of the vehicles belong to the Light Commercial vehicle (LCV) category. 29% are E-rickshaws, 14% are Auto rickshaws, 10% are Medium Commercial Vehicle (MCV) and 10% belong to others categories.

(d): The beneficiaries are selected from among the SHG members of the DAY-NRLM network.

(e): Ministry is not implementing any scheme specially targeting development of transport facilities in rural areas. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development aims to provides all – weather road connectivity to remote locations in rural areas.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*147 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.07.2019

Annexure I

<i>No</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>No. of Blocks Allocated</i>
1	A&N Islands	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	6
3	Arunachal Pradesh	4
4	Assam	8
5	Bihar	17
6	Chhattisgarh	18
7	D & N Haveli	1
8	Daman & Diu	1
9	Goa	1
10	Gujarat	7
11	Haryana	6
12	Himachal Pradesh	4
13	Jammu & Kashmir	6
14	Jharkhand	20
15	Karnataka	8
16	Kerala	4
17	Lakshadweep	1
18	Madhya Pradesh	19
19	Maharashtra	13
20	Manipur	2
21	Meghalaya	3
22	Mizoram	3
23	Nagaland	5
24	Odisha	21
25	Pondicherry	1
26	Punjab	6
27	Rajasthan	9
28	Sikkim	2
29	Tamil Nadu	9
30	Telangana	5
31	Tripura	3
32	Uttar Pradesh	24
33	Uttarakhand	4
34	West Bengal	8
		<b>250</b>

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Annexure II

**State where the Projects have been approved and present status of Vehicles on Road**

<i>No</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>No. of Vehicles Operational</i>
1	Andhra Pradesh	16
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0
3	Assam	53
4	Bihar	57
5	Chhattisgarh	177
6	Gujarat	20
7	Haryana	29
8	Jharkhand	5
9	Karnataka	0
10	Kerala	0
11	Madhya Pradesh	63
12	Maharashtra	40
13	Manipur	13
14	Meghalaya	2
15	Mizoram	48
16	Punjab	10
17	Sikkim	0
18	Tamil Nadu	0
19	Telangana	15
20	Uttar Pradesh	166
21	Uttarakhand	11
22	West Bengal	5
		<b>730</b>