GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2270 ANSWERED ON 20/12/2022

PMGSY IN KERALA

2270. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of work tendered in 2021-22 under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State of Kerala;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the delay in completion of the projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereby by the Government; and
- (d) whether the Government is aware of problems faced by the contractors due to New Technology Vision-2022 under PMGSY for surface course thereby causing modifications in Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and if so, the actions taken thereby?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

- (a) to (c) As per the programme guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the tendering and execution of the projects sanctioned under PMGSY is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The projects sanctioned under PMGSY-III have to be completed within 12 working months from the date of issue of the Work-Order. As per the available information, 43 road works covering a length of 224.793 Km has been tendered during 2021-22, out of which 18.57 Km road length has already been completed as on 14th December, 2022. These tendered projects are progressing as per the schedule. The implementation period of PMGSY-III is upto March, 2025.
- (d) The Government in the year 2013 issued guidelines for construction of minimum 15% road length using new technologies and locally available materials, with the objective to achieve economy in construction of roads, reduce carbon emissions, provide sustainable roads with reduced maintenance cost and to accelerate the progress of works. In order to implement the research outcomes on new and green technology in construction of rural roads under the scheme, the Ministry in the month of May, 2022 released Vision Document on New Technology Initiatives & Guidelines, 2022, which emphasizes increased use of new technologies/materials. The State Government has informed that New Technology Vision, 2022 is being followed in the State for construction of roads under PMGSY.
