

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. †3088

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QUESTION
Small Villages in Meghalaya

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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that Meghalaya has very small villages with only a few hundred people living therein;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such villages which are yet to be connected with roads due to which people have to walk for miles to reach cities;
- (c) the number of villages in the Parliamentary Constituencies of Hingoli, Nanded and Yavatmal in Maharashtra which are not yet connected with markets and because of this the rural goods are deprived of market benefits; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to remove these hindrances and to facilitate the tribal people living in these villages?

ANSWER

The Minister of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

[Shri G. Kishan Reddy]

(a) to (d)The Ministry of Rural Development launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) as a one-time special intervention to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations of designated population size (250 & above, in case of North Eastern States as per 2001 Census) in the core network for uplifting the socio-economic condition of the rural population including those in Meghalaya and Maharashtra. Relaxation has been provided to the Tribal (Scheduled V) areas and Selected

Tribal and Backward Districts (as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs and NITI Aayog) and unconnected habitations in these areas with a population of 250 persons and above in the Core Network as per Census 2001 are eligible for connectivity under the scheme.

PMGSY is not an individual/community centric scheme. The roads constructed under PMGSY cater to all strata of the society including dispersed habitations meaning a cluster of population living in an area, the location of which does not change over time. Nevertheless, Scheduled Tribes areas have got specific focus in the scheme by giving special dispensation.

Under PMGSY Parliamentary Constituency wise data is not maintained. The details of PMGSY achievements in Meghalaya, Maharashtra and districts of Hingoli, Nanded and Yavatmal since inception is at Annexure-I.

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) supplements the efforts of the State Government and line Ministries of Central Government to provide connectivity in NER including providing road accessibility to remote areas which helps facilitate the tribal people residing in small and remote villages.

Total length of roads sanctioned under the main Schemes of MDoNER namely – North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS) and North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) implemented either directly or through North Eastern Council (NEC), during the last 3 years in the State of Meghalaya is 169.51 km.

Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs has also undertaken 992 projects in NER, including Meghalaya, under “Road & Bridges” sector, from 2014-15 onwards.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3088

Details of habitations connected and road length completed in Meghalaya and Maharashtra as well as in Hingoli, Nanded and Yavatmal districts of Maharashtra since inception till 14.03.2023 :-

State/District	Total Habitations to be connected (nos)	Habitations connected (nos)	Length of road constructed (km)
Meghalaya	602	489	4,147
Maharashtra	1,421	1,414	27,485
Maharashtra Districts information			
Hingoli	28	28	520
Nanded	14	14	721
Yavatmal	19	19	1,098