

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 07/02/2023

NATIONAL RURAL ROAD POLICY

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of rural roads that have been constructed in Tamil Nadu under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the rural roads constructed in Dindigul, Palani, Natham, Attur and Ottanchatram;
- (c) whether the Government is having any proposal to bring out National Rural Road Policy for maintaining uniform norms for construction of rural roads, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to monitor the rural road constructed by the States; and
- (e) whether the Government is having any proposal to increase the funds available under PMGSY, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) A total of 9,365 roads covering a length of 22,147 km has been completed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the State of Tamil Nadu as on 1st February, 2023.

Details of rural roads constructed under PMGSY in the blocks of Dindigul, Palani, Natham, Attur and Ottanchatram are given below:-

Name of District	Name of Block	No. of Roads completed	Completed length (km)
Dindigul	Dindigul	9	16.84
	Natham	52	114.70
	Oddanchatram	28	74.30
	Palani	15	50.51
Salem	Attur	16	36.2

(c) Rural roads under PMGSY are constructed and maintained as per the technical specifications and geometric design standards given in the Ministry of Rural Development Specifications for Rural Roads, Rural Roads Manual of the Indian Roads Congress (IRC) (IRC-SP:20) and also, where required, the Hill Road Manual (IRC:SP:48) and other relevant IRC Codes & Manuals. There is no proposal as of now to bring out National Rural Road Policy for maintaining uniform norms for construction of rural roads.

(d) The implementation of all sanctioned works under PMGSY is being monitored through online Monitoring Information System named Online Management, Monitoring and

Accounting System (OMMAS) on real time basis. In addition, the progress is regularly reviewed by the Ministry by way of Regional Review Meetings (RRMs), Performance Review Committee (PRC) Meetings, Pre-Empowered/ Empowered Committee Meetings with the States. At District level, the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) headed by Hon'ble Member of Parliament (LS) monitors the implementation of various schemes of Government of India including PMGSY. Besides above, special review meetings are also held by Secretary/ Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development with Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries of the States to take stock of the progress of the scheme and remove the bottlenecks, if any.

(e) The Budget Estimate/Revised Estimate for PMGSY for the current financial year is Rs. 19,000 crore. As per the estimation of this Ministry, the current level of budgetary support @ Rs. 19,000 crore per annum till the financial year 2024-25 is required for completion of all the ongoing interventions of PMGSY.
