GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2316 ANSWERED ON 09.03.2021

IMPLEMENTATION OF PMGSY IN TELANGANA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the country with particular reference to Telangana;
- (b) whether the Ministry is aware that there is poor road connectivity in the backward regions of Telangana and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has also received a request from the State Government of Telangana to provide funds for improvement of road connectivity in backward areas;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Ministry on this request along with the details of funds allocated under PMGSY for Telangana in 2021-22;
- (e) whether the Finance Minister has announced to upgrade 1.25 lakh kms roads with an estimated cost of Rs. 80,250 crores; and
- (f) if so, the length in kms, out of 1.25 lakh kms the Ministry is going to upgrade in Telangana?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d) 'Rural Roads' is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was launched 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 (500+ in plain areas and 250+ in North-Eastern States, Himalayan States and Himalayan Union Territories as per 2001 census) in the core network for uplifting the socio-economic condition of the rural population. Relaxation has been provided to the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and Selected Tribal and Backward Districts (as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Planning Commission), 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. In the critical Left Wing Extremism affected blocks (as identified by Ministry of Home Affairs), additional relaxation has been given to connect habitations with population 100 persons and above (2001 census).

Against 1,78,184 habitations in the population size 250+ and 500+ identified for coverage under PMGSY, 16,086 habitations have been provided connectivity by the States out of their own resources and 4,689 habitations have either been dropped or not been found feasible. Out of the balance 1,57,409 habitations sanctioned for providing connectivity under the PMGSY, 1,54,467 have already been covered and balance 2,942 habitation are targeted for all-weather road connectivity by March, 2022. Under 100-249 population category, 6,286 habitations have been

sanctioned for providing all-weather road connectivity under PMGSY, out of which 5,546 habitations have been saturated and balance 740 habitations are targeted for all-weather road connectivity by March, 2022.

In the State of Telangana, all 595 habitations in the population size 250+ and 500+ sanctioned for coverage under PMGSY have been provided all-weather road connectivity. Under 100-249 population category, against 109 habitations sanctioned for coverage, 107 habitations have already been provided all-weather road connectivity.

The mandate of PMGSY has been subsequently widened to include new interventions namely PMGSY-II with a target to upgrade 50,000 Kms of the existing rural road network to improve its overall efficiency as a provider of transportation services for people, goods and services, Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA) for construction/upgradation of strategically important roads and PMGSY-III for consolidation of 1,25,000 Km Through Routes and Major Rural Links connecting habitations, inter-alia, to Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs), Higher Secondary Schools and Hospitals.

The status of implementation of various interventions/verticals of PMGSY across the country and Telangana State is as under:-

Overall status in the country

Road length in Km

Name of intervention	Road length sanctioned	Road length completed
PMGSY-I	6,44,731	6,01,670
PMGSY-II	49,930	41,222
RCPLWEA	9,286	3,003
PMGSY-III	46,949	5,544
Total	7,50,896	6,51,439

Telangana State

Road length in Km

Name of intervention	Road length sanctioned	Road length completed
PMGSY-I	10,192	9,736
PMGSY-II	944	895
RCPLWEA	705	175
PMGSY-III	1,120	93
Total	12,961	10,899

The allocation of funds to the States for implementation of PMGSY depends, inter-alia, on works in hand, execution capacity of the State and unspent balance of previous year(s) available with the State. State-wise allocation of funds for the year 2021-22 has not been done so far.

(e) to (f) The Government has approved phase-III of PMGSY in 2019, with an aim to consolidate 1,25,000 Km Through Routes and Major Rural Links connecting habitations, interalia to Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs), Higher Secondary School and Hospitals at an estimated cost of Rs 80,250 crore. The State of Telangana has been allocated target length of 2,427.5 Km under PMGSY-III, out of which the State has already been sanctioned 1,120 Km during the year 2020-21.
