GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3579
ANSWERED ON 10/08/2021

IMPROVING CONDITION OF ROADS IN RURAL AREAS OF ASSAM

3579. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government has plans to improve the condition of roads in rural areas of Assam;

(b)   the number of kilometres of metal road that have been constructed across Assam during the last five years;

(c)   the details of the amount of fund allocated for rural development during the last five years along with the initiatives taken up by the Government for overall development of such areas;

(d)   whether the Government is aware that Member of Parliament, Barpeta had raised in Parliament on 05-03-2020 & 17.03.2020 regarding the construction of a bridge over river Jaljali connecting Nagarbera of Kamrup district and Aloopati Char of Barpeta district for overall development of the agrarian economy; and

(e)   whether the Government will consider and take necessary steps to construct the bridge for which the Project Concept Paper was submitted to the Government of Assam?

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

(a)   Government is trying to improve the condition of roads in rural areas of Assam through Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY). Since inception, under PMGSY-I, 8,381 roads of 26,987.24 Km length have been sanctioned to the State of Assam and 7,898 roads of 26,666.82 km length have been completed till 05th August, 2021. Deadline of completion of balance work of 483 roads of 230.42 km length is March, 2022.

Under PMGSY-II, 251 roads of 1,724.52 Km length have been sanctioned to the State of Assam and 60 roads of 1,690.79 km length have been completed till 05th August, 2021. Deadline of completion of balance work of 191 roads of 33.73 km length is March, 2022.

The Government approved PMGSY-III in July, 2019 for consolidation of 1,25,000 Km Through Routes and Major Rural Links connecting habitations, inter-alia, to Gramin Agricultural Markets, Higher Secondary Schools and Hospitals. Period of implementation of PMGSY-III is 2019-2025. The state of Assam has been allocated a target of 4,325 Km road length under PMGSY-III, out of which 2759.51 Km road length has already been sanctioned.

(b)   Details of the roads constructed under PMGSY in Assam during the last 5 years are given below:

Year	Length constructed (Km)
2016-17	929.52
2017-18	1618.63
2018-19	4295.49
2019-20	3646.74
2020-21	2682.17

(c)   The Ministry of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Gurantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhaya – Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradan Mantri Awaas Yojna – Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people in rural areas, strengthening of livelihood opportunities, promoting self-employment, skilling of rural youths, provision of social assistance and other basic amenities and eradication of poverty in rural areas of the country including the State of Assam.

The details of fund allocated for rural development under various schemes during the last five years are given below:-

Rs. in crore

S.No.	Scheme	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	MGNREGA	1254.60	1123.67	1050.37	1476.24	2635.91
2	PMGSY	475.76	575.58	2542.76	2401.88	2516.62
3	PMAY-G	1321.97	1669.61	244.08	1433.97	1503.42
4	DDU-GKY	100.25	87.65	54.86	105.10	13.93
5	DAY-NRLM	3165.89	4327.82	5783.49	9023.51	9208.76
6	NSAP	173.34	142.74	237.31	290.88	303.41
7	RURBAN	1.75	32.40	1.40	20.25	-

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) There is no proposal under PMGSY for construction of RCC bridge over river Jaljali and a reply to the Hon'ble Member in this regard from Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development was sent on 08th July, 2020.

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