

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2741
ANSWERED ON 14/12/2021

QUALITY OF ROADS UNDER PMGSY-III IN BIHAR

2741. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a decrease in the speed of road construction in Bihar under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Phase-III, if so, the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (b) whether the quality of the roads constructed under PMGSY has been checked, if so, the details of irregularities that have been received so far by the investigation team and the action taken in this regard;
- (c) whether some construction companies influence the investigation team in the State of Bihar to get their report OK;
- (d) whether the investigation team ignore the area Member of Parliament and inspected the road with the contractor and local Government engineers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and irregularities found and action taken so far?

ANSWER

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

(a) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III (PMGSY-III) was launched in the year 2019 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 State of Bihar has been allocated target of 6,162.50 km under PMGSY-III, out of which, 1,390.31 km (169 roads and 39 Bridges) has been sanctioned so far on the basis of technically acceptable proposals received from them. As per the programme guidelines of PMGSY, the tendering and execution of works sanctioned under the scheme is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. As reported by the State Government of Bihar, sanctioned projects under PMGSY-III have not yet started on ground.

(b) PMGSY has a three-tiered Quality Control Mechanism for ensuring construction of quality road works and durability of road assets under PMGSY. Under the first tier, the Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) are required to ensure process control through mandatory tests on material and workmanship at the field laboratory. The second tier is a structured independent quality monitoring at the State level through State Quality Monitors (SQMs) to ensure that every work is inspected at initial stage, intermediate stage and the final stage of construction. Under the third tier, which is at the national level, independent National Quality Monitors (NQMs) are deployed for random inspection of road works to monitor quality and to provide guidance of senior professionals to the field functionaries. An Abstract indicating the number of inspections conducted vis-a-vis quality grading during April, 2018 to November, 2021 is given at **Annexure**.

During period April 2018 to November, 2021, a total of 415 Action Taken Reports (ATRs), on inspection reports of NQMs were required from the State. The State Government after

doing necessary compliance has submitted 346 ATRs, out of which 269 have been approved, 22 are pending with the State for some clarifications, and 40 are under scrutiny. In case of 15 ATRs, decision has been taken to get them re-verified on the ground through NQMs.

(c) to (e) As reported by the State Government, no such issue has come into the notice. As per programme guidelines, ensuring quality of road works is the responsibility of the State Governments, who are implementing the programme. Complaints received in the Ministry of Rural Development are sent to the State for inquiry and necessary action. In some cases, Ministry also deposes investigating team, generally comprising of National Quality Monitor(s).

In the case of complaints received from Hon'ble Member of Parliament, the National Quality Monitors/State Quality Monitors are required to intimate Hon'ble Member of Parliament about their visit.

Annexure referred to in reply to point (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2741 for reply on 14.12.2021

District-wise details of National Quality Monitor (NQM) Grading Abstract Report in the State of Bihar for the last 3 years

Sr. No.	District	Total No. of Inspections	Completed Works					Ongoing Works					Maintenance Works					Bridge Works				
			S	SRI	U	U%	Total	S	SRI	U	U%	Total	S	SRI	U	U%	Total	S	SRI	U	U%	Total
1	Samastipur	52	10	2	5	29.41	17	11	4	8	34.78	23	7	1	4	33.33	12	0	0	0	0.00	0
2	Chapra (Saran)	90	10	1	1	8.33	12	21	7	8	22.22	36	19	5	12	33.33	36	4	1	1	16.67	6
3	Jahanabad	47	1	1	0	0.00	2	31	3	0	0.00	34	7	1	3	27.27	11	0	0	0	0.00	0
4	East Champaran	84	31	7	3	7.32	41	16	0	7	30.43	23	7	2	8	47.06	17	2	1	0	0.00	3
5	Sheikhpura	36	0	0	0	0.00	0	5	0	2	28.57	7	9	5	8	36.36	22	7	0	0	0.00	7
6	Khagaria	68	14	3	1	5.56	18	27	2	2	6.45	31	4	1	6	54.55	11	6	2	0	0.00	8
7	Madhubani	90	17	2	3	13.64	22	24	8	2	5.88	34	11	3	5	26.32	19	11	4	0	0.00	15
8	Arwal	52	6	2	3	27.27	11	17	3	2	9.09	22	10	2	4	25.00	16	3	0	0	0.00	3
9	Aurangabad	61	10	5	4	21.05	19	16	6	8	26.67	30	6	1	5	41.67	12	0	0	0	0.00	0
10	Jamui	115	33	3	1	2.70	37	37	3	3	6.98	43	12	1	5	27.78	18	17	0	0	0.00	17
11	Bhojpur	63	3	0	1	25.00	4	10	1	2	15.38	13	26	10	10	21.74	46	0	0	0	0.00	0
12	Saharsa	57	8	4	0	0.00	12	23	3	6	18.75	32	3	2	6	54.55	11	2	0	0	0.00	2
13	Bhagalpur	77	7	0	1	12.50	8	21	2	3	11.54	26	6	4	6	37.50	16	24	3	0	0.00	27
14	Rohtas	45	13	0	2	13.33	15	15	0	3	16.67	18	7	0	4	36.36	11	1	0	0	0.00	1
15	Kaimur (Bhabhua)	73	22	0	2	8.33	24	30	2	0	0.00	32	12	1	3	18.75	16	1	0	0	0.00	1
16	Gaya	116	26	4	6	16.67	36	38	3	15	26.79	56	15	0	9	37.50	24	0	0	0	0.00	0
17	Madhepura	66	6	4	0	0.00	10	29	8	4	9.76	41	2	3	4	44.44	9	6	0	0	0.00	6
18	Darbhanga	110	18	4	1	4.35	23	37	5	5	10.64	47	19	4	4	14.81	27	10	3	0	0.00	13

19	Supaul	62	3	1	1	20.00	5	29	7	2	5.26	38	3	1	3	42.86	7	8	3	1	8.33	12
20	Gopalganj	56	8	0	0	0.00	8	16	2	2	10.00	20	12	2	13	48.15	27	1	0	0	0.00	1
21	Kishanganj	29	6	0	0	0.00	6	12	2	0	0.00	14	4	1	0	0.00	5	4	0	0	0.00	4
22	Munger	42	7	0	0	0.00	7	10	6	2	11.11	18	8	0	6	42.86	14	3	0	0	0.00	3
23	Patna	88	6	3	2	18.18	11	30	2	3	8.57	35	11	4	13	46.43	28	9	4	1	7.14	14
24	Begusarai	77	6	3	2	18.18	11	15	2	5	22.73	22	27	1	10	26.32	38	5	0	1	16.67	6
25	Buxar	81	7	3	2	16.67	12	14	1	0	0.00	15	35	2	17	31.48	54	0	0	0	0.00	0
26	Sheohar	32	1	1	0	0.00	2	13	6	2	9.52	21	3	0	6	66.67	9	0	0	0	0.00	0
27	West Champanan	39	10	1	4	26.67	15	11	1	2	14.29	14	4	0	3	42.86	7	2	1	0	0.00	3
28	Muzaffarpur	65	16	1	0	0.00	17	26	5	3	8.82	34	8	0	6	42.86	14	0	0	0	0.00	0
29	Vaishali	68	4	0	2	33.33	6	23	7	7	18.92	37	6	7	12	48.00	25	0	0	0	0.00	0
30	Sitamarhi	88	10	0	0	0.00	10	24	4	5	15.15	33	11	0	3	21.43	14	31	0	0	0.00	31
31	Nalanda	65	13	1	1	6.67	15	30	2	3	8.57	35	7	3	3	23.08	13	2	0	0	0.00	2
32	Lakhisarai	63	4	1	0	0.00	5	19	4	3	11.54	26	8	3	16	59.26	27	5	0	0	0.00	5
33	Nawada	91	19	3	9	29.03	31	35	6	5	10.87	46	8	2	4	28.57	14	0	0	0	0.00	0
34	Purnia	57	10	1	0	0.00	11	21	2	1	4.17	24	4	0	2	33.33	6	14	2	0	0.00	16
35	Araria	54	5	0	0	0.00	5	14	3	0	0.00	17	6	0	2	25.00	8	19	3	2	8.33	24
36	Katihar	74	22	2	0	0.00	24	30	3	1	2.94	34	3	2	3	37.50	8	7	1	0	0.00	8
37	Banka	90	15	1	1	5.88	17	33	3	2	5.26	38	3	2	6	54.55	11	23	1	0	0.00	24
38	Siwan	72	16	0	0	0.00	16	43	1	2	4.35	46	4	0	5	55.56	9	0	0	1	100.00	1
Total		2,595	423	64	58	10.64	545	856	129	130	11.66	1,115	357	76	239	35.57	672	227	29	7	2.66	263

Note: S-Satisfactory,SRI-Satisfactory Requiring Improvement,U-Unsatisfactory