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LOK SABHA
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RELAXATION OF NORMS UNDER PMGSY

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government considers relaxation of the norm to sanction for providing connectivity to habitation 100 and above for 18 AIP Districts and 250 and above in 12 Non IAP districts of Odisha, since tribal dominated districts cover more than 40 per cent of total population of State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to share funds towards the cost of post five-year maintenance of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) roads; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) & (b) The Government launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in December 2000, 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 (500+ in plain areas and 250+ in North-Eastern States, Himalayan States, Desert and Tribal Areas as per 2001 census) in the core network for uplifting the socio-economic condition of the rural population. 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 of 100 persons and above (2001 census).

As on 15th December, 2021, 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 4,722 habitations have either been dropped or not been found feasible. Out of the balance 1,57,376 habitations sanctioned for providing connectivity under the PMGSY, 1,55,474 have already been covered and balance 1,902 habitations are targeted for all-weather road connectivity by September, 2022. Under 100-249 population category, 6,260 habitations have been sanctioned for providing all-weather road connectivity under PMGSY, out of which 5,802 habitations have been saturated and balance 458 habitations are targeted for all-weather road connectivity by September, 2022.

In the State of Odisha, 16,301 habitations have been provided all-weather road connectivity while 106 habitations have either been dropped or are not feasible as on 15th December, 2021. In case of 100-249 population size habitations in most intensive Integrated Action Plan blocks, against 1,991 eligible habitations, 1,872 habitations have already been provided connectivity as on 15th December, 2021 including 273 habitations, which have been provided connectivity under the State Scheme.

The State of Odisha has already been sanctioned its full entitlement under new connectivity component of PMGSY. No further sanctions are being given for habitation connectivity scheme under PMGSY. There is no proposal for relaxing the norms as of now.

(c) & (d) Rural roads is a State subject. Maintenance of roads constructed under the programme is the responsibility of the State Governments and all road works are covered by initial five year maintenance contracts to be entered into along with the construction contract, with the same contractor, as per the Standard Bidding Document. Maintenance funds are to be provided by the State Government. Maintenance of roads beyond 5 years is also to be done by the State Government.

Since 2016-17, financial incentives are given to top performing States, which show higher achievement in the year on the basis of set parameters to be used by the States specifically for periodic maintenance of roads. The State of Odisha was given financial incentives during the years 2016-17 to 2020-21 as given below:-

Year	Incentive sanctioned (Rs. in crore)
2016-17	175.67
2017-18	109.61
2018-19	73.68
2019-20	95.94
2020-21	155.48
