

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3816**  
ANSWERED ON 21/12/2021

**RURAL ROADS IN WEST BENGAL**

3816. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of schemes and the total budget allocated under schemes for the development of rural roads in West Bengal during the last five years, districtwise including North Dinajpur and South Dinajpur districts; and
- (b) the details of the roads constructed so far and the length (in km.) of rural roads constructed, districtwise including of North Dinajpur and South Dinajpur districts?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY-I) was launched 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 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 Desert Areas (as identified in the Desert Development Programme), the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and Selected Tribal and Backward Districts (as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs 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 as per 2001 census.

As the programme unfolded, a need was felt for consolidation of the existing Rural Road Network to improve its efficiency not only as a provider of transportation services, but also as a vehicle of social and economic development. Accordingly, in the year 2013, **PMGSY-II** was launched for upgradation of selected Through Routes and Major Rural Links (MRLs) with a target to upgrade 50,000 Km in various States and Union Territories.

Subsequently, in 2016, Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Affected Areas (RCPLWEA) for construction/upgradation of strategically important roads was launched in the 9 LWE affected states, as a separate vertical under PMGSY.

In the year 2019, Government launched **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.

Currently, works under PMGSY-I and II are going on in the State of West Bengal. The funds for the implementation of the scheme are released by the Ministry to the State as a whole. The release of funds to the State for implementation of PMGSY is done on the basis of the

proposal received from the State and depends, inter-alia, on works in hand, execution capacity of the State and unspent funds available with the State. During the last five years details of fund released to the State of West Bengal is as given below:-

<b>Year</b>	<b>Central share of fund released (Rs. in crore)</b>
2016-17	819.18
2017-18	1058.353
2018-19	1426.98
2019-20	348.25
2020-21	969.31
2021-22 (as on 15.12.2021)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4622.073</b>

District-wise expenditure (including state share) during the last five years and the current year is given in **Annexure**.

(b) So far, 6,883 nos. of roads of 36,025 Km length have been constructed in the State of West Bengal. District-wise details are given in **Annexure**.

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**ANNEXURE**

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) &amp; (b) of the LSUQ-3816 due for reply on 21.12.2021

**District-wise details of number of roads and road length completed, and expenditure (including state share) under PMGSY in West Bengal**

Sr.No.	District Name	No of Road Work completed	Road Length Completed (in Km)	Expenditure till date (Rs. in crore)	Expenditure from 2016-17 till date (15 Dec, 2021) (Rs. in crore)
1	Bankura	682	3,290	1,262.51	577.02
2	Birbhum	351	2,297	882.63	439.27
3	Cooch-Behar	385	1,325	506.73	263.37
4	Dakshin Dinajpur	249	1,003	440.89	130.05
5	Darjeeling	246	1,326	929.77	504.01
6	Hooghly	338	1,524	666.21	338.42
7	Howrah	325	1,264	641.81	415.03
8	Jalpaiguri	166	1,020	404.38	219.49
9	Maldah	180	1,462	574.32	290.91
10	Murshidabad	422	2,194	930.32	255.95
11	Nadia	252	1,773	764.36	361.67
12	North 24 Parganas	424	2,148	1,001.16	336.97
13	Paschim Medinipur	722	3,796	1,995.77	1,141.79
14	Purba Medinipur	204	1,380	665.69	311.10
15	Purulia	430	2,371	752.86	374.07
16	Siliguri M.P.	96	385	122.95	51.00
17	South 24-Parganas	290	1,701	878.44	507.22
18	Uttardinajpur	344	1,506	614.32	172.56
19	Alipurduar	121	807	286.6	177.52
20	Purba Burdwan	257	1,433	554.69	256.26
21	Paschim Burdwan	70	294	105.53	55.90
22	Jhargram	329	1,727	817.76	498.93
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,883</b>	<b>36,025</b>	<b>15,799.71</b>	<b>7,678.52</b>

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