GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2442 ANSWERED ON 06/08/2024

IMPLEMENTATION OF PMGSY

2442 SHRI AMRA RAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENTbe pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement the Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana(PMGSY) considering January 2024 as the base year keeping in view that 2001 has beenconsidered to be the base year for implementation of PMGSY and if so, the time by which it islikely to be done;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the said decision is necessary in public interest so that each and every village canbe connected with roads as population of a large number of villages has increased and severalnew villages have been formed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)

(a) to (c): Pradhan PradhanMantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) was launched in the year 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 and Himalayan Union Territories, Deserts and Tribal Areas as per 2001 census) in the core network for uplifting the socioeconomic condition of the rural population. In the critical Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected blocks (as identified by MHA), additional relaxation has been given to connect eligible habitations with population 100 persons and above (as per Census 2001).

The Government in the Budget Speech for FY 2024-25 has announced that Phase IV of PMGSY will be launched to provide all-weather connectivity to 25,000 rural habitations which have become eligible in view of their population increase. Action, consequential to the announcement, is being taken by the Ministry.
