

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2359  
ANSWERED ON 10/12/2024**

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR BORDER VILLAGES**

**2359. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:**

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of grants for the development of sanitation infrastructure, including the construction of more toilets in villages and rural areas, along with measures to ensure cleanliness and maintenance;**
- (b) the details of initiatives to improve rural connectivity through better road networks, ensuring seamless access to essential services and economic opportunities; and**
- (c) the details of steps taken to accelerate rural development programmes to uplift the living standards of people in border villages, including enhanced infrastructure, housing and livelihood opportunities?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a): As reported by Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Phase II of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM(G)] has been launched with effect from 1st April, 2020 for a period of 5 years with the objective to sustain the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status of villages and to cover all villages with Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) and visually clean. Central share released under Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen [SBM(G)] during last 3 years and current years are as under :-**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Centre share release (Rs. In crore)</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>3111.37</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>4925.14</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>6802.58</b>
<b>2024-25 (Upto</b>	<b>1869.60</b>

**The following measures have been taken for SLWM under SBM(G):-**

- **Greywater management is done through soak pits, wherever possible, or through other technologies such as Waste Stabilization Ponds, Constructed Wetlands, Decentralised Wastewater Treatment Systems (DEWATS), etc,**
- **Arrangement for Solid Waste Management(SWM) i.e.-Bio-degradable and non-biodegradable system for Household and for all public Places (including the primary schools, PanchayatGhar and Anganwadi canter). SWM system includes Collection, Transportation, Segregation, Storage, and management of SWM.**
- **Plastic Waste Management Unit) at block/district level**
- **Faecal Sludge Management (FSM)**

**In addition to this, in order to achieve the target of “Housing for All” in rural areas, the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Pradhan MantriAwaasYojana- Gramin (PMAY-G) with effect from 1st April 2016 to provide assistance to eligible rural households. Since inception under PMAY-G beneficiaries has been provided financial Assistance of Rs.1.20 lakh in plain areas and Rs.1.30 lakh in North-eastern States, and Hill states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand ,UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. In addition to this, assistance of Rs.12,000/- is also extended for construction of toilets through convergence with Swachh Bharat Mission – Gramin (SBM-G), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) or any other dedicated source of funding. Under MGNREGS, around 56.81 lakh individual toilets, around 1.4 lakh schools and Anganwadi toilets and 0.64 lakh Community Sanitary Complexes have been completed so far.**

**(b): Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) under this Ministry is a one-time special intervention of Government of India to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network. It was launched in the year 2000 as a measure towards alleviation of poverty in rural areas by providing access to basic services to the rural population by providing them good quality roads. Subsequently, new intervention/verticals namely PMGSY-II, Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Areas (RCPLWEA) and PMGSY-III were added under the ambit of PMGSY for upgradation of rural roads and construction of strategically important roads in Left Wing Extremist (LWE) Areas. Since inception till 05.12.2024, a total**

of 8,28,533 km road length has been sanctioned, out of which 7,69,128 Km road length has been completed under various interventions/works of PMGSY. PMGSY has helped in better access of market place for the rural masses and generated employments in various forms. It has also helped in improving socio- economic conditions of the people living around the area. Thus, it has helped in removing poverty and unemployment.

**(c): As informed by the Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, it is implementing Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) and Border Area Development Programme (BADP) for development of villages/habitations in border areas. VVP is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme approved on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 for comprehensive development of the select villages in 46 blocks abutting northern border in 19 districts in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and UT of Ladakh. Under the programme the road component of VVP, 113 road projects and 08 Long Span Bridge (LSB) projects worth Rs.2420.89 crore to connect 136 unconnected villages in Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttarakhand have been sanctioned. Under the Programme, 51 projects have been sanctioned/considered under their Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) 2023-24 for the concerned States/UT by the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti under convergence with cost as per guidelines of Swacch Bharat Mission (SBM).**

**BADP is implemented in all villages/semi-urban/urban habitations, having Local Government Directory (LGD) code, located within 0-10 kms. (aerial/crow fly) from first habitation on international land borders in 456 blocks of 117 districts in the 16 States and 2 UTs sharing land borders. As per available information with the Department of Border Management, 291 works/projects of estimated cost Rs.23.80 crore for construction of toilets in school & other places and 729 works/projects of estimated cost Rs.115.31 crore for sanitation have been sanctioned under BADP. 12281 works/projects of Roads and Bridges of estimated cost Rs.4302.44 crore have been sanctioned under BADP. Apart from the above, 13583 works/projects of estimated cost of Rs.2288.75 crore have been sanctioned in health, education, agriculture, sports, livelihood and social sector under BADP.**

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