GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3636 ANSWERED ON 17/12/2024

RURAL ROADS IN ANDHRA PRADESH 3636. SHRI DAGGUMALLA PRASADA RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENTbe pleased to state:

- (a) the number of rural roads in Andhra Pradesh that have been identified as severely damaged or impassable during the last rainy season, district-wise and the criteria used for the same in the previous five years;
- (b) whether accidental deaths have been reported on these roads during the last five years, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated and utilized for the repair and maintenance of rural roads in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise and district-wise; and
- (d) the details of measures taken to ensure the quality and durability of rural road construction in Andhra Pradesh to withstand adverse weather conditions, particularly during heavy

ANSWER

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

(a): The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that a total of 138 Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) roads of 493.87 Km have been identified as severely damaged or impassable during last rainy season. The district wise details of the same is given below:

SI. No.	Name of District	No. of Roads	Length of Road (in Km)				
1	Guntur	45	180.73				
2	Krishna	36	80.71 18.02				
3	Prakasam	6					
4	Srikakulam	7	37.75				
5	Visakhapatnam	14	84.62				
6	Vizianagaram	2	6.97				
7	West Godavari	28	85.07				
Total		138	493.87				

As per PMGSY guidelines, the criteria used to decide the condition of any road is based on the PCI (Pavement Condition Index) values ranging from 1 to 5. The same is given as under:

PCI value	Surface condition	Driving Speed				
1	Very Poor	<10 Km/Hour				
2	Poor	10 to 20 Km/Hour				
3	Fair	20 to 30 Km/Hour				
4	Good	30 to 40 Km/Hour				
5	Very Good	>40 Km/Hour				

- (b): No such reports are available with the State.
- (c): A total of Rs.6,976.79 Lakhs has been allocated for the repair and maintenance of rural roads during last five years and current year 2024-25 (as on 13.12.2024) out of which Rs.3,294.33 Lakhs has been utilized by the State. The details of funds allocated and utilized by the State on maintenance of roads, during last five year and current year, year-wise is given below:

(Rs. In Lakh)

Financial Year	Funds allocated	Funds Utilized			
2019-20	0	39.16			
2020-21	1500.00	939.53			
2021-22	773.60	422.59			
2022-23	1286.09	408.64			
2023-24	1346.73	1029.01			
2024-25 (as on 13.12.2024)	2070.37	455.40			
Total	6976.79	3294.33			

The district wise details of allocation and utilization of maintenance funds is given in Annexure.

(d): PMGSY envisages a three tier Quality Assurance Mechanism to ensure quality of road works during construction. First-tier of this mechanism is in-house quality control at Programme Implementation Unit (PIU) level. Second-tier is structured as an independent quality monitoring at State level through State Quality Monitors (SQMs) in which provision of regular inspection of PMGSY works has been envisaged. The third-tier is an independent monitoring mechanism at the Central level. Under this tier, independent National Quality Monitors (NQMs) are engaged for inspections of PMGSY roads, selected at random. To promote transparency in the Scheme, it is being ensured that independent

monitors at the second and the third tier take at least 10 digital photographs at the work site including one of the field laboratories, for each road work inspected and upload the inspection reports on PMGSY programme management & monitoring website i.e. OMMAS, to facilitate public viewing of quality of road works being executed under the programme. Also the abstract of the said Inspection Report is also uploaded on website.

Further, to promote transparency and effective monitoring, the PMGSY programme guidelines provide that the Superintending Engineer of a zone/region will request the concerned Member of Parliament and ZillaPanchayatPramukh representing the zone/region, once in six months, to select any PMGSY project(s) for joint inspection. Similarly, the Executive Engineer in-charge of a division will request the MLA/ Chairperson of the Intermediate Panchayat concerned, once in three months for joint inspection and the Assistant Engineer in-charge of the sub-division will similarly request the concerned Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat once in two months to select any PMGSY project(s) for joint inspection.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in part (c) of LokSabhaUnstarred Question No.3636 for 17.12.2024

Details of allocation and utilization of Maintenance funds during last five years, District-wise

(Rs. In lakhs)

_	Name of the District	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
						Funds allocated		Funds allocated					Funds utilised
1	Ananthapur		2.24		193.65	773.60	29.00		39.00	1346.73	67.25	2070.37	25.09
2	Chittoor		8.25		69.39		13.42	1286.09	0.00		228.97		0.00
5	Cuddapah		0.98		17.80		28.86		0.00		13.03		11.31
3	East Godavari		3.27		57.96		30.77		27.39		46.62		32.37
4	Guntur		2.62		89.95		32.25		25.19		46.33		31.76
6	Krishna		2.17		49.11		11.62		8.42		29.30		15.44
7	Kurnool		2.89	1500	69.02		7.39		32.79		69.87		12.74
8	Nellore Prakasam Srikakulam Visakhapatnam		7.40		52.70		35.98		1.52		39.51		31.06
9			2.36		17.36		7.23		0.00		35.31		37.23
10			2.99		43.18		22.12		87.49		81.40		23.33
11			0.23		180.33 57.32		129.84		178.50		264.36		181.13
12	Vizianagaram		1.93				23.71		8.08		95.09		43.06
13	West Godavari		1.84		41.77		50.38		0.26		11.99		10.89
	Total	0.00	39.16	1500	939.53	773.60	422.59	1286.09	408.64	1346.73	1029.01	2070.37	455.40
