

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 164
ANSWERED ON 11/03/2025**

TOURISM AND TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER PMGSY

***164. SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE:**

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for tourism and tribal development in Akole Taluka of Shirdi Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra by providing better connectivity to the villages connecting the local roads with the main highway of the said region which is a tribal dominated area having adequate tourism potential;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to include the rural roads of Akole and other talukas of Shirdi Parliamentary Constituency under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);**
- (c) whether the Government has received representations from the public representatives in this regard; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made so far in this regard?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 164 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 11.03.2025.

(a)&(b): "Rural roads" is a State subject. The Government of India, as a part of the poverty reduction strategy, launched the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-I) on 25th December, 2000 to assist the States in providing connectivity to eligible unconnected habitations through all-weather roads. Other verticals viz. PMGSY II and PMGSY III were also started for upgradation of rural roads for better connectivity to growth centres and for improved connectivity to schools, hospitals, Gramin Agricultural Markets, respectively. Several PMGSY roads have been constructed in tribal dominated areas in the country as per the scheme objectives.

As informed by the State Government, there are many tourist and holy places in Akole Taluka which are connected by State Highways (SH), Major District Roads (MDR) and Other District Roads (ODR). A tourist place named Vishramgad Fort has road connectivity through a PMGSY road. In Akole Taluka, 36 PMGSY roads of 175.20 km length were sanctioned and out of which 32 roads of 138.80 km length have already been completed.

(c) & (d): PMGSY guidelines have an inbuilt mechanism of consultation with public representatives. Proposals for road connectivity under PMGSY are approved at Block and District Panchayats. After approval at State level, the Ministry of Rural Development evaluates these proposals in accordance with the guidelines of the scheme for according clearance.

Representations from public representatives for construction of rural roads are sent to the State Governments for consideration under PMGSY or a State Government scheme, as feasible.
