

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 18/03/2025**

ASSESSMENT OF PMGSY

2819. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA CHANDU BARNE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made studies of the Pradhan Mantri Grameen Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);**
- (b) if so, the manner in which the PMGSY is improving rural connectivity, particularly in Maharashtra;**
- (c) the details of remaining challenges and the steps taken by the Government to address these remaining challenges to achieve the target;**
- (d) whether there has been inordinate delay in achieving the targets under first and second phases; and**
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps proposed for construction/completion of remaining length of roads under these two phases?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Various independent evaluation studies have been conducted by NITI Aayog, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A), World Bank and International Labour Organization (ILO), on Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). Various impact assessment studies have concluded that PMGSY has helped in better access of marketplace for the rural masses and generated employments in various forms. It has also helped in improving socio- economic conditions of people living around the area. Thus, it has helped in removing poverty and unemployment. The scheme has impacted agriculture, health, education, urbanization and employment generation in a big way. The PMGSY

has affected rural masses of all the states including Maharashtra in a very positive way by emerging as a facilitator and precursor to various developmental activities. Since inception till 11th March, 2025, in the state of Maharashtra, a total of 34,567 KM Road length has been sanctioned under various verticals/ interventions of PMGSY and 31,203 KM has been completed.

(c): While implementing the scheme, challenges like issues of land acquisition, forest clearance, court cases, poor contracting capacity of states, lack of response to tenders, law and order issues, financial capability of states to release funds, execution capacity of states, insufficient availability of the construction materials such as gravel, morum, sand, stone aggregate bitumen, machinery, personnel to handle machinery etc. came in the way which impacted the overall progress of the scheme in general. For North-Eastern and hill states, some additional issues like adverse climatic conditions, tough terrain, short working season etc. also came in the way which compounded the challenges.

(d) & (e): The timeline for completion of PMGSY-I, II, RCPLWEA and III works is March, 2025. The progress of implementation of rural roads under PMGSY is regularly reviewed by way of Regional Review Meetings (RRMs), Performance Review Committee (PRC) Meetings & Pre-Empowered/Empowered Committee Meetings with the States to complete the works as per given deadline of PMGSY works. Besides the above, special review meetings/monthly review meetings are also held by the Secretary/ Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development with Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries of the States to take stock of the progress of the scheme including maintenance aspects.
