

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 427  
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**RURAL CONNECTIVITY UNDER PMGSY-III IN HILL STATES**

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SMT. MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:  
SHRI BIPLAB KUMAR DEB:  
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SHRI GODAM NAGESH:**

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

- (a) the details of infrastructure projects recently sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III (PMGSY-III) to improve rural connectivity in the States of Manipur, Mizoram, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand;**
- (b) the manner in which these infrastructure projects expected to enhance access to education, healthcare and markets in remote regions;**
- (c) whether these projects are being implemented with eco-sensitive practices suited for mountainous regions, thereby ensuring sustainable development; and**
- (d) whether the enhanced connectivity under PMGSY-III is likely to boost trade, commerce and inter-state movement in the North Eastern region, if so, the details thereof?**

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

**(a): The details of roads and bridges sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III (PMGSY-III) in the States of Manipur, Mizoram, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand are as below:**

<b>State</b>	<b>No. of roads sanctioned</b>	<b>Road length sanctioned (in Km)</b>	<b>No of bridges sanctioned</b>
<b>Manipur</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>783.209</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>487.504</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>3,123.117</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>2,287.948</b>	<b>9</b>

**(b): PMGSY-III aims to consolidate the existing Rural Road Network by upgradation of existing Through Routes and Major Rural Links that connect habitations to Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs), Higher Secondary Schools and Hospitals. The upgradation of existing Through Routes and Major Rural Links is based on priority of the proposed work in connecting critical facilities like the rural markets and education & health facilities.**

**Various independent evaluation studies, conducted by NITI Aayog, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A), World Bank and International Labour Organization (ILO), Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS), Pilani etc. on PMGSY have concluded that it has improved access to education and health care facilities, facilitated employment generation in both farm and non-farm sectors, helped farmers in getting better farm prices etc. PMGSY roads have provided better education opportunities to the children particularly girl child to continue their education beyond the elementary school level. Health facilities are being accessible to people. Women have been the major beneficiary, with most of the child birth taking place in government hospitals and also their participation in financial decisions has increased and it is reflected in their market accessibility. This scheme also addresses the various Sustainable Development Goals on poverty alleviation.**

**(c): PMGSY has promoted the use of local, non-conventional and green technologies in rural roads construction. Environment-friendly green technologies such as Cold Mix Technology, Waste Plastics, Full Depth Reclamation (FDR), Cell-filled Concrete, Panelled Cement Concrete etc. are being used in the construction of roads under PMGSY-III. These technologies not only reduce the depletion of good quality conventional materials but also minimize the damage to environment from emission of green house gases and heavy suspended particles in the air.**

**The standards for construction of roads under PMGSY are based on as per site conditions. The rural roads under PMGSY-III are constructed as per technical specifications and geometric design standards given in Ministry of Rural Development Specifications for Rural Roads, Rural Roads Manual IRC SP: 20: 2002, IRC SP : 72: 2015 and also where required, the Hill Roads Manual IRC SP: 48 and other IRC Codes/ guidelines.**

**(d): Yes. Improved rural road network contributes to strengthening rural economies by facilitating easier transport of goods to markets. Enhanced connectivity will foster economic growth & trade, generate employment opportunities through construction and maintenance jobs and also facilitate tourism in the North Eastern Region of the country.**

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