

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3914
ANSWERED ON 17/03/2026**

PMGSY IN SC AND ST DOMINATED AREAS

3914. Shri P V Midhun Reddy:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of roads constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SCs/STs) dominated areas during the last five years;**
- (b) the number of habitations with significant SC/ST population that remain unconnected by all-weather roads;**
- (c) the details of current data of local SC/ST workers employed in these construction projects;**
- (d) whether steps have been taken to ensure employment to local SC/ST workers in road construction projects; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was launched as a one-time special intervention to provide all-weather road connectivity to eligible unconnected habitations having 500+ population in plain areas; 250+ in Special Category States/UTs, Desert Areas, Tribal (Schedule V) Areas & selected Backward Districts; and 100+ in critical Left Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected blocks [as notified by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)] in rural areas, as per Census 2001.

PMGSY is an area development programme and not an individual or community beneficiary scheme. However, scheduled and tribal areas of the country are benefitted with the various ongoing interventions/verticals of the scheme. The unit of connectivity under this scheme is habitation and the objective of the scheme is to provide all-weather road connectivity in rural areas catering to the

access needs of the entire population of the target habitation. As on date, a total of 8,49,320 km of road length has been sanctioned under all the verticals/ interventions of PMGSY, and 7,91,760 km of roads have been completed across the country.

The details of habitations cleared and connected under PMGSY-I during last five years State-wise may be accessed at programme website <https://pmgsy.dord.gov.in> >Progress Monitoring > Habitations Coverage Report.

The Government has recently approved phase IV of PMGSY for providing road connectivity to unconnected habitations which have become eligible due to their population increase. Unconnected habitations having 500+ population in plain areas; 250+ in NE and Hill States/UTs, Special Category Areas (Schedule V Tribal Areas, Aspirational Districts/Blocks, Desert Areas); and 100+ in LWE-affected areas (as notified by MHA in 9 States), as per Census 2011, are eligible for coverage under PMGSY as per population norms of the programme.

Further, the PMGSY IV is being implemented in convergence with two targeted initiatives for ensuring inclusive access in backward and marginalized areas, viz.

- i. Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA): Habitations with 500+ population and 50% or more ST population, or habitations with 50+ ST population in the 250+ category in Aspirational Districts, as per Census 2011, are given priority under PMGSY IV.**
- ii. Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY): Habitations with 500+ population and 40% or more SC population are given priority under PMGSY-IV.**

This Ministry is also implementing Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) with the basic objective to improve socio-economic conditions of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), by saturating PVTG families and habitations with basic facilities and services. The Mission aims at the targeted development of 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) which had been by and large left out of the schemes/ interventions of Ministries/ Departments. The details of road length sanctioned under PM JANMAN and PM-DAJGUA and PM-AJAY are given in Annexure A.

(d) & (e): While PMGSY guidelines focus on the technical quality and asset creation of rural roads, the scheme inherently generates

significant local employment. The Ministry does not maintain a centralized database of the caste-wise breakup of construction workers (as labor is typically engaged by contractors), the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) encourages the use of local labour.

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 country.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3914 dated 17.03.2026

DETAILS OF ROAD LENGTH SANCTIONED AND COMPLETED UNDER PM-JANMAN							
Sr.No	State Name	No of Roadwork Sanctioned	Road Length Sanctioned (in km)	No of Bridge Work Sanctioned	No of Road Work Completed	No of Bridge Works Completed	Road Length Completed (in km)
1	Andhra Pradesh	303	865.954	33	35	0	106.539
2	Chhattisgarh	807	2,901.946	123	248	0	1,397.064
3	Gujarat	2	1.550	1	2	0	1.550
4	Jharkhand	300	914.143	1	14	0	36.580
5	Karnataka	40	63.756	2	3	0	5.940
6	Madhya Pradesh	783	1,835.001	0	106	0	491.406
7	Maharashtra	27	50.135	0	0	0	0.000
8	Manipur	8	35.220	0	0	0	0.000
9	Odisha	66	211.141	4	14	0	45.701
10	Rajasthan	38	98.687	0	13	0	34.600
11	Tamil Nadu	4	10.960	0	0	0	0.000
12	Telangana	25	66.975	0	0	0	1.000
13	Tripura	92	268.492	0	0	0	2.870
	Total	2,495	7,323.960	164	435	0	2,123.250

DETAILS OF ROAD LENGTH SANCTIONED AND COMPLETED UNDER PMGSY-DAJGUA							
Sr.No	State Name	No of Roadwork Sanctioned	Road Length Sanctioned	No of Bridge Work Sanctioned	No of Road Work Completed	No of Bridge Works Completed	Road Length Completed
1	Assam	113	272.328	5	0	0	0.000
2	Chhattisgarh	532	1,824.075	0	0	0	0.000
3	Himachal Pradesh	50	284.525	0	0	0	0.000
4	Jammu And Kashmir	62	296.301	0	0	0	0.000
5	Rajasthan	116	290.875	0	0	0	0.000
6	Sikkim	15	54.929	0	0	0	0.000
	Total	888	3,023.033	5	0	0	0.000

DETAILS OF ROAD LENGTH SANCTIONED AND COMPLETED UNDER PM-AJAY							
Sr.No	State Name	No of Roadwork Sanctioned	Road Length Sanctioned	No of Bridge Work Sanctioned	No of Road Work Completed	No of Bridge Works Completed	Road Length Completed
1	Assam	19	28.536	0	0	0	0.000
2	Chhattisgarh	12	29.090	0	0	0	0.000
3	Himachal Pradesh	37	180.170	0	0	0	0.000
4	Jammu And Kashmir	3	29.350	0	0	0	0.000
5	Rajasthan	14	45.050	0	0	0	0.000
6	Uttarakhand	8	55.375	0	0	0	0.000
	Total	93	367.571	0	0	0	0.000
