

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to launch the National Rural Housing and Habitat Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the amount provided under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) is still insufficient for the village poor to replace their temporary structures with a permanent dwellings; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken for providing more funds under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) No decision has been taken to launch a National Rural Housing and Habitat Policy.

(c) and (d) At present, under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), rural households living below poverty line and living in kachcha houses or not having their own houses are assisted to construct a pucca house. They are given unit assistance of Rs.45,000/- for plain areas and Rs.48,500/- for hilly/difficult areas. In addition to this assistance, an IAY beneficiary can get a loan of upto Rs.20,000/- at 4% rate of interest under Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) scheme.

The Government is aware that the present amount of unit assistance is not sufficient to construct a decent house. The Ministry of Rural Development has requested the Planning Commission to increase the unit assistance under IAY. The issue has also been placed before the Working Group on Rural Housing for 12th Five Year Plan.

#### **Status of PMGSY in different States of the country**

†\*290. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of phases of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) completed in the country, State-wise;

(b) the names of the States which are lagging behind in road construction and the time by when they will achieve the targets;

(c) the names of States where the construction work of next phase under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana has been stalled; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is an ongoing scheme till all the eligible unconnected habitations under programme are connected through all-weather roads, as per programme guidelines. Further, Rural Road is a State subject and PMGSY is a one-time special intervention of Central Government to improve the Rural Infrastructure through construction of roads to connect eligible habitations. The rural roads under PMGSY are constructed, maintained and owned by the respective State Governments. As such, the responsibility of timely completion of these roads and action for delay in completion of these lie with the State Governments. The executing agencies of the State Governments are expected to complete the road projects within time period stipulated in the programme guidelines. In case of the delay, the relevant provisions of the Standard Bidding Document call for levying of liquidated damages and in case of persistent delay, the termination of contract is attracted. Any escalation in cost due to time overrun is to be borne by the State Government. The Physical progress, since inception, under PMGSY is given in the statement.

**Statement**

*Physical progress under PMGSY*

Sl.No.	States	No. of road works sanctioned	No. of road works completed (upto June, 2011)
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh \$	6681	6024
2	Arunachal Pradesh *	782	540
5	Assam	4645	2227
4	Bihar	9216	3061
5	Chhattisgarh	5320	4151
6	Goa†	90	72
7	Gujarat	3082	2972
8	Haryana	420	382
9	Himachal Pradesh	2100	1461
10	Jammu & Kashmir **	1379	417

1	2	3	4
11	Jharkhand \$\$	2589	1219
12	Karnataka	3228	3016
13	Kerala	1173	643
14	Madhya Pradesh ##	12334	10166
15	Maharashtra	5310	4598
16	Manipur	1023	707
17	Meghalaya	409	368
18	Mizoram	191	143
19	Nagaland	249	237
20	Orissa #	7746	5418
21	Punjab	766	716
22	Rajasthan	11714	11411
23	Sikkim	380	207
24	Tamil Nadu	4970	4801
25	Tripura ~	945	719
26	Uttar Pradesh	15932	14919
27	Uttarakhand †	745	419
28	West Bengal	2683	1877
GRAND TOTAL		106102	82891

†-No report after March, 2009, \$ includes 298 long span bridges (LSB,) \* includes 51 long span bridges, # includes 134 Long Span Bridges, \*\* includes 24 Long Span Bridges, \$\$ includes 4 Long Span Bridges, ## includes 96 Long Span Bridges, ~ includes 44 Long Span Bridges, + includes 29 Long Span Bridges.

#### Immunization for children

\*291. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: