

Maintenance of rural roads in Assam

3682. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal from the Assam Government regarding repair/renewal/upgradation of rural roads in the State is under Government's consideration;
- (b) if so, the considered views of Government in this regard; and
- (c) the quantum of funds provided by the Central Government to the State for the above purposes during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI LALCHAND KATARIA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) since the year 2000. The Programme envisages single all-weather connectivity to the unconnected habitations in the Core Network in the rural areas with a population of 500 persons and above (as per 2001 census) in plain areas and 250 persons and above (as per 2001 census) in Hill States, the Desert Areas (as identified in the Desert Development Programme), the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and selected Tribal and Backward Districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission under Integrated Action Plan (IAP). The Ministry has recently issued a sanction to Assam under Phase-X-Batch-I (New Connectivity) of PMGSY amounting to Rs. 510.02 crores for 121 road works and 257 bridges covering 262.516 km. length.

- (c) The details of funds released to the State under PMGSY during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Funds Released
2010-11	1900.67
2011-12	1682.84
2012-13	154.27

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.