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Increase in old age and widow pension

742. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government is seriously thinking to increase the old age pension, widow pension from Rs. 300 to Rs. 1000 per month and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LALCHAND KATARIA): On the direction of the Union Cabinet, a Task Force was constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mihir Shah, Member, Planning Commission to prepare a proposal for a Comprehensive National Social Assistance Programme. The Task Force considered various issues, demands and suggestions relating to pension schemes under NSAP, received from various quarters including those on current targeting criteria, age criteria, inclusion criteria, quantum of assistance and indexing it to inflation. The Task Force has submitted its report to this Ministry.

Construction of roads under PMGSY

743. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of roads laid under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during 2009 to 2013; State-wise; and

(b) whether the target for construction of roads under PMGSY has been achieved and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LALCHAND KATARIA): (a) The State-wise length of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the years 2009-10 to 2012-13 is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) Against the target of 1,49,656.48 Kms. length under PMGSY during the years 2009-10 to 2012-13, 1,60,381.30 Kms. length has been achieved, as reported by the States.

Statement

*State-wise details of roads constructed under PMGSY
during 2009-10 to 2012-13*

Sl. No.	States	Road length achieved (in km.) during 2009-10 to 2012-13
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6545.97
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1802.30
3.	Assam	7740.58
4.	Bihar	19239.85
5.	Chhattisgarh	7668.87
6.	Goa	0.00
7.	Gujarat	2728.90
8.	Haryana	1432.16
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2928.52
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	3546.26
11.	Jharkhand	5489.92
12.	Karnataka	7113.34
13.	Kerala	832.82
14.	Madhya Pradesh	25242.11
15.	Maharashtra	10071.77

1	2	3
16.	Manipur	2166.19
17.	Meghalaya	248.67
18.	Mizoram	678.94
19.	Nagaland	478.05
20.	Odisha	14348.65
21.	Punjab	1730.02
22.	Rajasthan	9960.36
23.	Sikkim	307.96
24.	Tamil Nadu	5025.99
25.	Tripura	1546.13
26.	Uttar Pradesh	13912.91
27.	Uttarakhand	2430.38
28.	West Bengal	5163.70
TOTAL:		160381.30

Utilization of funds allocated for MGNREGA

744. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total budget allocation for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is not fully utilized and the funds allocated to different States are lying unspent in the State Government's accounts; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government for the yearly utilization of the funds allocated for MGNREGA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural