

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS**Implementation of PMGSY**

†*55. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is implementing an ambitious programme for connecting all settlements of the country with all weather roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits for State of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rural Roads' is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of Government of India to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network with a population of 500 persons and above in plain area and 250 and above in Special Category States, the Desert Areas (as identified in the District Development Programme), the Tribal (Schedule-V) areas and Selected Tribal and Backward districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/NITI Aayog on the basis of census, 2001. In the critical Left Wing Extremism affected blocks (as identified by MHA), additional relaxation has been given to connect habitations with population 100 persons and above.

The number of eligible unconnected habitations as per the Core Network under PMGSY is 1,78,184, out of which the Ministry has sanctioned 1,64,913 habitations till 30th June, 2018. The States have reported to have connected 1,41,311 habitations by all-weather road till 30th June, 2018. Further, the States have connected 16,380 habitations, which are a part of core network of PMGSY through State Sponsored Schemes bringing total connectivity to 1,57, 691 habitations.

The benefits accrued from the Scheme to the State of Bihar till June, 2018 are as below:—

Eligible unconnected habitations	Habitations Sanctioned	Habitations connected under PMGSY	Habitation connected under State Scheme	Total Habitation connected	Road length sanctioned (in Km)	Road length constructed (in Km)	Funds released by Government of India (₹ in crore)
38,431	31,427	26,257	7,004	33,261	56,473.95	48,062.32	20,559.44

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