

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3015
ANSWERED ON- 22/03/2021

SCHEME FOR RESTORATION OF RURAL ROADS

3015. # MS. SAROJ PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes in place for restoration of roads in rural population dominated areas in order to bring down the road accidents;
- (b) whether Government is deliberating upon the fact that more than half of the roads in rural areas are kutchra roads and bridges and culverts have become old and narrow; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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(a) to (c) Rural roads is a state subject. However, as a part of poverty reduction strategy, Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) on 25th December, 2000 for providing connectivity by way of an all-weather road to the eligible unconnected habitations as per core-network with a population of 500 persons in plain areas. In respect of Special Category States (i.e. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand), 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 and Planning Commission), the objective is to connect eligible unconnected habitations with a population of 250 persons and above (Census 2001). For most intensive Integrated Action Plan (IAP) blocks as identified by Ministry of Home Affairs the unconnected habitations with population 100 and above (as per 2001 Census) were included under PMGSY. PMGSY also permits the up-gradation (to prescribed standards) of the existing roads in those districts where all

the eligible habitations of the designated population size as mentioned above have been provided all-weather road connectivity.

In the year 2013, PMGSY-II was launched for up-gradation of selected Through Routes and Major Rural Links (MRLs) with a target to upgrade 50,000 Km in various States and Union Territories. Subsequently, in 2016, Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA) for construction/up-gradation of strategically important roads was launched as a separate vertical under PMGSY. In the year 2019, the Central Government launched PMGSY-III for consolidation of 1,25,000 Km Through Routes and Major Rural Links connecting habitations, inter-alia, to Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs), Higher Secondary Schools and Hospitals.

A total of 2,50,541 km road length has been upgraded under all the verticals of PMGSY. The details of road works upgraded/renovated and Long Span Bridges (LSBs) completed across the country under various verticals of PMGSY as on 18.03.2021 is as under:-

S. No.	Verticals	Road Length upgraded/renovated (in km)	No. of LSBs completed
1.	PMGSY-I	1,98,566	4,898
2.	PMGSY-II	41,808	434
3.	RCPLWE	3,118	73
4.	PMGSY-III	7,049	4
Total		2,50,541	5,409
