

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2828
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/12/2021

INSPECTION OF ROADS UNDER PMGSY

2828 MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to send the National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency for inspection work of the rural roads in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this agency would inspect the roads constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in rural areas;
- (d) whether Government has recently increased the time limit for completing the ongoing projects under the PMGSY; and
- (e) the number of roads in which construction work is going on under this project in Himachal Pradesh till date?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) to (c) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has a three-tiered Quality Control Mechanism for ensuring construction of quality road works and durability of road assets under PMGSY. Under the first tier, the Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) are required to ensure process control through mandatory tests on material and workmanship at the field laboratory. The second tier is a structured independent quality monitoring at the State level through State Quality Monitors (SQMs) to ensure that every work is inspected at initial stage, intermediate stage and the final stage of construction. Under the third tier, which is at the national level, independent National Quality Monitors (NQMs) are deployed by National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA) for random inspection of road works to monitor quality and to provide guidance of senior professionals to the field functionaries. From April, 2018 to 17th December, 2021, a total of 27,312 inspections were carried out by the NQMs in all over India including 873 inspections in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The details of inspections conducted by the NQMs in the country and Himachal Pradesh year-wise are as under:-

Years	NQM Inspections	
	All India	Himachal Pradesh
2018-19	9,356	239
2019-20	8,989	299
2020-21	2,653	192
2021-22 (as on 17.12.2021)	6,314	143
Total	27,312	873

(d) to (e) The Status of projects under various verticals of PMGSY in the State of Himachal Pradesh as on 16th December, 2021 are as under:-

Vertical	Sanctioned				Completed			Balance*		
	Roads (Nos.)	Length (km)	Bridges (Nos.)	Value of project (Rs in crore)	Roads (Nos.)	Length (km)	Bridges (Nos.)	Roads (Nos.)	Length (km)	Bridges (Nos.)
PMGSY-I	3,467	20,608.07	103	7,169.93	3,075	18,733.20	72	392	1,581.24	31
PMGSY-II	112	1,251.16	1	964.26	21	635.21	1	91	615.59	0
Total:	3,579	21,859.23	104	8,134.19	3,096	19,368.41	73	483	2,196.83	31

*Balance road length is less than the difference of sanctioned and completed length due to the reasons that some habitations were connected with less than the sanctioned length due to reduction in road length, change in alignment, construction of part length by other agencies, etc.

The Government has recently extended the timeline for completion of PMGSY-I, II and Road Connectivity Project Left Wing Extremism Affected (RCPLWEA). The balance work of PMGSY-I & II are now targeted for completion by September, 2022. RCPLWEA is targeted for completion by March, 2023. The timeline for completion of PMGSY-III remains as March, 2025.
