

Regarding construction of roads in Tamil Nadu

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI (THOOTHUKKUDI): Sir, as per the PMGSY-III guidelines, the roads, which are being selected, shall preferably be of length not less than five kilometres. But, in States like Tamil Nadu where the connectivity is already good, we need mostly roads for the last mile connectivity, which are less than two kilometres or 1.5 kilometres. But, the guidelines do not allow this. It is only taken on case-to-case basis. As a result, only 20 such roads have been approved in Tamil Nadu so far by the Ministry.

The 36th Report of the Committee on Rural Development and Panchayati Raj had recommended reduction of minimum road length criteria to two kilometres, which the Government has not yet accepted.

Therefore, I request the Government to modify the PM Gram Sadak Yojana-III to reduce the minimum road length criteria to 1.5 kilometres to benefit most of the States. Thank you.