

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 394
ANSWERED ON 22/07/2025**

WIDENING OF BORDER ROADS

394. SHRI SUKHJINDER SINGH RANDHAWA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the roads constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) in the border areas of Gurdaspur and Pathankot in Punjab have very little width leading to problems in the movement of two vehicles and the said problem was observed during Operation Sindoor;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to widen the roads in the border areas keeping in view the international security; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)**

(a): As per PMGSY guidelines and IRC Specifications, carriageway width of PMGSY roads are constructed based on the projected traffic in terms of Passenger Car Unit (PCU) plying on the roads. The carriageway width may be 3.75 m/ 5.5 m depending upon the traffic plying on the roads. In case of roads leading to habitations below 500 (where eligible), where the projected traffic is likely to be very low, the carriageway may further be restricted to 3 m. There is a minimum required road width (formation width) which should not be less than 7.5 m in case of plain/rolling terrain and 6 m in case of mountainous/steep terrain for single lane carriage way i.e. 3 m/3.75 m.

The carriageway width of road constructed/upgraded under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is determined based on comprehensive automated traffic census data and axle load survey on proposed roads.

(b) & (c): As reported by the State of Punjab, in Gurdaspur and Pathankot districts, most of the roads constructed/upgraded are having the carriageway width varying from 3.05 m to 3.75 m and 5.5 m. The roads are designed for normal traffic, based on the proposal received from the State.

Currently, there is no proposal under PMGSY for the widening of Border Roads within the district of Gurdaspur and Pathankot. The timeline for completion of ongoing works under PMGSY III is March, 2026.
