

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1279
ANSWERED ON 03/12/2024**

REMOTE AND HILLY AREAS UNDER PMGSY-IV

1279. SHRI SUDAMA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of roads laid in kilometres under Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSYIV) to address the specific needs of remote and hilly areas during the last five years, State-wise;**
- (b) the total funds sanctioned by the Government under the PMGSY-IV during the said period, State-wise;**
- (c) the total funds allocated in different States and regions, particularly focusing on those with high rural connectivity deficits, State-wise; and**
- (d) whether an environmental impact assessment of the roads, sanctioned under PMGSY-IV has been conducted prior to construction in hilly regions, 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) to (c): A new vertical under Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) which is called PMGSY-IV has recently been launched with a focus on providing all-weather connectivity to unconnected habitations of 500+ population in plain areas and 250 + population in NE and Hill States/UTs, special category areas (Tribal Schedule-V, Aspirational Districts/Blocks, Desert Areas) and 100+ in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts as per Census 2011. The scheme will be implemented from 2024-25 to 2028-29 with a total outlay of Rs. 70,125 crore with a target to provide connectivity to 25,000 unconnected habitations.

Currently, a survey for identification of habitations is going on and no funds have been released under PMGSY IV.

(d): The PMGSY roads are low-volume roads for providing connectivity to unconnected habitations facilitating multiple benefits and delivery of services to these habitations. These are built as per the site requirements and keeping in view the geographical conditions of the area following the Hill Road Manual (IRC: SP:48-1998) and other relevant Indian Road Congress (IRC) codes. Use of green technologies and avenue plantation is promoted along these roads to minimize carbon footprint and reduce ecological impact.
