

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the percentage of Budget earmarked for providing necessary basic infrastructure facilities to the people living in rural areas; and
- (b) the action taken to make villagers more aware of the development schemes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI VENKAI AH NAIDU)

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development has restructured the erstwhile Jawahar Rozgar Yojana with effect from 1.4.1999. The restructured scheme viz., the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) has been launched with the primary objective of creating demand driven village infrastructure, including durable assets, at the village level. The amount earmarked for the Scheme during the current financial year is Rs. 1650 crore, which is 16.9% of the total Plan allocation to the Ministry. The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), also launched with effect from 1st April, 1999, provides infrastructure support to primarily bridge small gaps in infrastructure.

2. Concrete steps have been taken to provide access to the people to Basic Minimum Services with a view to improve the quality of life in the rural areas. The erstwhile Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) and the BMS programmes aimed at the provision of safe drinking water, health care, primary education, housing to shelterless poor families, nutrition, connectivity to all unconnected villages and habitations and food security through the Public Distribution System with a focus on the poor. The Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY), launched in the current financial year, lays renewed emphasis on provision of drinking water, health facilities, education, housing, nutrition and rural connectivity. A sub-scheme of the PMGY viz., Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana has been initiated with an allocation of Rs. 2500 crore during the current financial year.

(b) The Ministry of Rural Development strives to disseminate information and create awareness in regard to different Schemes/Programmes of Rural Development amongst the target groups in villages through various modes of communication such as Electronic Media

(TV & Radio), films, advertisements in newspapers, posters, leaflets, outdoor publicity, exhibitions and interpersonal communication.