

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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AMENITIES IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to formulate any schemes to improve the basic amenities in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) & (b): The Government have introduced a new initiative viz., Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) in order to achieve the objective of sustainable human development and improve the basic amenities at the village level. PMGY envisages allocation of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the tune of Rs. 5000 crore to the States and JTs during 2000-2001. PMGY has two components, namely, rural roads with an allocation of Rs. 2500 crore of Additional Central Assistance and other programmes namely, primary health, primary education, rural shelter, rural drinking water and nutrition with an allocation of another Rs. 2500 crore.

(c): Question does not arise.