

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INTERLINKING OF PANCHAYAT HEADQUARTERS UNDER PMGSY .

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is any scheme to interlink the Panchayat Headquarters by roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) The number of Panchayat Headquarters in the country interlinked by roads under the said scheme till date, State-wise; and
- (d) The amount of funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years and current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b) The PMGSY Guidelines state that the District Panchayat, while drawing up the annual list of the road works, shall ensure that the Order of Priority for New Connectivity/Upgradation is strictly followed. The only exception (in new connectivity links) from the order of priority is in respect of those routes of the Core Network that include the Village Panchayat Headquarters or Market Centers or other educational or medical essential services or those which stand notified by the State Government as places of tourist interest. In such cases, new connectivity may be taken up irrespective of the population size.

(c) The provision for connecting Village Panchayat Headquarters is by way of exception. Any such proposal would form integral part of the annual proposal of the respective States. The Ministry of Rural Development does not monitor connectivity to Panchayat Headquarters.

(d) PMGSY is a demand driven programme. The normative allocation of funds during the years 2003-04 to 2006-07, State-wise, is given in the Table at Annexure.