

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IRREGULARITIES IN PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any complaints from State Governments, particularly Rajasthan in regard to irregularities being committed in the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Rajasthan ;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any investigation in this regard ;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check such irregularities ?

Answer

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

- (a) No Complaint from State Governments including the Government of Rajasthan regarding irregularities being committed in Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has been received.
- (b) to (d) does not arise.
- (e) For ensuring high level of quality in works, PMGSY programme guidelines have the provision for three tier Quality Control Mechanism. The first two tiers of the Quality Control Structure are overseen by the State Quality Coordinators, appointed by the State Governments. The first tier of quality control mechanism is in-house quality control at the level of the executing agencies. Field laboratories are established by the Contractors and mandatory tests on the quality of material and workmanship are conducted under the supervision of Programme Implementation Units (PIUs). The second tier provides for quality monitoring by the State Governments through independent State Quality Monitors (SQMs). SQMs are deployed to ensure that quality issues are properly being attended to at the first tier. The third tier of this arrangement consists of quality monitoring of works through random inspections by independent National Quality Monitors (NQMs). In addition, measures like Standard bidding document, Online monitoring, display of Citizen's information board etc. have been put in place for ensuring quality and transparency in execution of PMGSY projects.