

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DISTRIBUTION OF FUND UNDER PMGSY

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for allocation of fund under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);
- (b) whether any weightage is given to cess on diesel collected from the States in this criteria; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Fifty percent of the cess accruals on high speed diesel oil is allocated for the development of rural roads. Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) allocation of funds to the States is based on, inter alia, a weightage of 75% for Need (share of unconnected Habitations in the total unconnected Habitations of the country) and 25% on Coverage (share of connected Habitations in the total connected Habitations of the country). In addition to the allocation to the States, a special allocation of upto 5% of the annual allocation from the Rural Roads share of the Diesel Cess is made for:

- i) Districts sharing borders with Pakistan and China (in coordination with Ministry of Home Affairs)
- ii) Districts sharing borders with Myanmar, Bangladesh and Nepal (in coordination with Ministry of Home Affairs)
- iii) Left Wing Extremists areas in the Districts identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs
- iv) Extremely backward Districts (as identified by the Planning Commission) which can be categorized as Special Problem Areas
- v) Research and Development Projects and innovations.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of reply to part (b), the question does not arise.