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Title: Need to undertake construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in West Bengal as per programme guidelines and technical specifications.

DR. RATNA DE (NAG) (HOOGHLY): Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) aims at providing good all weather road connectivity to the unconnected eligible habitations in rural areas. PMGSY is being implemented successfully in many states. But there is a need to monitor programme guidelines technical specifications and geometric design standards as prescribed by the Indian Roads Congress. I could find at many places in West Bengal that the utility services like drinking water electricity, school etc. are not being well taken care of with the result that roads constructed under the PMGSY are not utilized properly or to the fullest extent. I found a unique problem, for example, when the existing electricity posts were removed for the construction of roads under PMGSY, it is the bounden duty of the authorities and the contractors to ensure that electricity posts are located at appropriate places after construction of roads. But unfortunately this is not being done. Probably the reason for such callous attitude by authorities or contractors is that no funds are allocated under PMGSY for relocation of electricity posts once the roads are constructed. I, therefore, urge the Government to take remedial steps in this regard.