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#### **Upgradation of roads in Andhra Pradesh**

4302. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any proposal for upgradation of roads from Andhra Pradesh Government under PMGSY;
- (b) if so, the status thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/being taken by Government for sanction of these proposals?

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**Foodgrains provided under MGNREGA**

4303. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to provide foodgrains instead of cash amount to the workers under MGNREGA particularly in the drought affected States like Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Amendment in land ceiling laws**

4304. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sent a proposal for amendment in land ceiling laws to State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of State Governments thereto;

(c) whether Government has proposed for land ceilings on 5 acres of land;