

(a) the number of persons getting old age and widow pension in the country, and the amount thereof, State-wise; and

(b) whether Government would consider to enhance their pension to Rs. 1000/- and pay them directly by the cash transfer scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LALCHAND KATARIA): (a) As reported by the States/Union Territories, 2,22,86,829 beneficiaries have been covered under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) and 48,80,272 beneficiaries have been covered under the Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), components of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). The total expenditure incurred during 2012-13 is Rs. 531633.57 lakh under IGNOAPS and Rs.83624.79 lakh under IGNWPS.

(b) A Task Force was constituted by this Ministry under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mihir Shah, Member, Planning Commission to prepare a proposal for a Comprehensive National Social Assistance Programme. The Task Force considered various issues, demands and suggestions relating to pension schemes under NSAP, received from various quarters including those on quantum of assistance. The Task Force has submitted its report to this Ministry. With effect from 1st July, 2013, the Old Age, Widow and Disability pensions schemes of the NSAP, has been brought under the ambit of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) initially in the selected 121 Districts of 26 States/Union Territories.

Construction of roads under PMGSY

1363. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years across the country including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of roads constructed under PMGSY during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether there has been an inordinate delay in constructing the roads under PMGSY;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by Government for early completion of under construction roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LALCHAND KATARIA): (a) The details of roads sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years across the country including Andhra Pradesh are given in Statement-I (*See below*).

(b) The length of road works completed during the last three years, State wise under PMGSY are given in Statement-II (*See below*).

(c) and (d) The funds for the projects sanctioned under PMGSY are made available to the State Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) based upon their demand, absorption capacity, works undertaken and fulfilling of certain conditions laid down in the programme guidelines for release of funds. It is the responsibility of the State to ensure timely completion of the road works under the programme. Some of the reasons adversely affecting the implementation of the programme, as reported by the States are as under:-

- i. Limited Institutional and Contracting Capacity.
- ii. Non-availability of land and issues related to delayed forest clearances.
- iii. Unfavorable weather conditions.
- iv. Lack of absorption and execution capacity.

(e) PMGSY is an ongoing scheme and progress of implementation of the programme and related issues are reviewed regularly through Empowered Committee Meetings and Regional Review Meetings (RRMs), etc. The major steps taken by the Ministry of Rural Development to increase the efficiency in the implementation of the programme includes:

- (i) Augmenting the execution capacity of the States.
- (ii) Rationalization of provisions in the Standard Bidding Document (SBD).
- (iii) Imparting training to field engineers for capacity building.

Statement-I*Details of roads sanctioned under PMGSY during last three years*

#	State	Value (Rs. in Crores)	2010-11	
			No of roads	Length in Km
1	Andhra Pradesh	626.40	187 roads+	639.01
2	Arunachal Pradesh	461.99	298 bridges	654.98
3	Assam		44 roads+	
4	Bihar		51 bridges	
5	Chhattisgarh			
6	Goa			
7	Gujarat			
8	Haryana			
9	Himachal Pradesh			
10	Jammu and Kashmir	1463.21	470 roads + 24 bridges	2239.01
11	Jharkhand			
12	Karnataka	33.96	24	105.26
13	Kerala	256.27	220	621.46
14	Madhya Pradesh	102.53	57 bridges	
15	Maharashtra	1717.98	1057	6252.72
16	Manipur	231.68	69	736.57
17	Meghalaya			
18	Mizoram			
19	Nagaland			
20	Odisha	402.56	122 roads + 60 bridges	590.43
21	Punjab			
22	Rajasthan			
23	Sikkim			
24	Tamil Nadu			
25	Tripura			
26	Uttar Pradesh	179.95	224	403.27
27	Uttarakhand	339.04	100 roads + 26 bridges	981.27
28	West Bengal	717.41	356	1484.53
	TOTAL	6532.97	2873 roads 516 bridges	14708.51

Statement-I*Details of roads sanctioned under PMGSY during last three years*

Value (Rs. in crores)	2011-12		Value (Rs. in crores)	2012-13	
	No. of roads	Length in Km.		No. of roads	Length in Km.
			850.40	420 roads + 34 bridges	1537.57
			610.80	78 roads + 14 bridges	901.56
			820.50	293 roads + 257 bridges	688.94
948.12	647 roads + 23 bridges	1899.06	2439.11	1350 roads + 96 bridges	3846.12
502.51	404	1340.24	1011.36	734	2378.
53.17	46	136.89	345.38	409	775.11
230.46	176	889.22			
			1774.52	603 roads + 55 bridges	3494.75
703.19	540 roads + 50 bridges	2109.68	1826.51	1064 roads + 174 bridges	3537.29
			60.00	41	154.68
1042.69	743	3105.20	3573.63	2705	9373.11
			1077.87	158 roads + 659 bridges	800.01
			254.25	46 roads + 44 bridges	425.42
94.81	18	105.88			
355.77	56	954.76			
2474.10	1567	6195.74	2445.72	1334	5189.38
235.36	36	499.36	658.52	182	1354.70
885.81	1076	3602.77	1033.00	1256	3564.17
206.04	80 roads + 15 bridges	351.89			
			1130.10	1298 roads + 45 bridges	3095.77
347.67	69 roads + 40 bridges	369.50			
424.88	555	956.88	3147.72	1845 roads + 1 bridge	8230.12
71.54	12 roads + 24 bridges	98.11	471.36	118 roads + 8 bridges	1139.78
612.34	247	1269.27	3483.19	1425	6143.96
9188.46	6272 roads 152 bridges	23884.45	27013.94	15359 roads 1387 bridges	56630.79

Statement-II*Road length completed under PMGSY during last three years*

(Length in km)

Sl. No.	States	Length completed during 2010-11	Length completed during 2011-12	Length completed during 2012-13
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	2121.48	932.14	400.35
2	Arunachal Pradesh	366.87	419.21	393.67
3	Assam	2057.11	2131.43	1456.16
4	Bihar	2515.13	7539.82	6341.63
5	Chhattisgarh	1570.66	1053.69	1024.08
6	Goa *	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Gujarat	605.97	431.44	180.47
8	Haryana	389.24	188.31	69.26
9	Himachal Pradesh	661.82	761.09	0.00
10	Jammu and Kashmir	474.00	999.62	1411.10
11	Jharkhand	1599.25	1123.03	1236.74
12	Karnataka	1848.93	1858.64	386.02
13	Kerala	245.87	214.14	108.71
14	Madhya Pradesh	9163.26	2926.66	2754.18
15	Maharashtra	3718.27	2592.46	649.54
16	Manipur	487.42	374.61	424.48
17	Meghalaya	83.31	44.67	22.77
18	Mizoram	252.13	130.90	93.20
19	Nagaland	86.00	24.89	93.50
20	Odisha	4941.90	3167.06	2401.26
21	Punjab	622.72	71.76	325.54
22	Rajasthan	3019.47	450.78	2140.00
23	Sikkim	85.72	74.98	48.44
24	Tamil Nadu	2229.01	814.10	42.39

1	2	3	4	5
25	Tripura	432.11	352.17	241.92
26	Uttar Pradesh	3593.79	522.53	269.78
27	Uttarakhand	551.88	639.58	474.43
28	West Bengal	1385.20	1154.79	1171.67
GRAND TOTAL		45108.53	30994.50	24161.29

* No report after March, 2009.

Employment under MGNREGA

1364. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people getting employment under MGNREGA during the last three years and the funds released and utilized, State-wise; and

(b) whether it is a fact that many State Governments, like Odisha, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal, where BPL families are more, are not able to utilize the MGNREGA funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a demand driven wage employment programme that guarantees at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. The number of households who have been provided wage employment on demand, Central fund released and expenditure incurred under MGNREGA State/UT-wise during the last three years are given in Statement (See below).

(b) The States/UTs have utilized 72.69% of total available funds during 2010-11, 75.96% in 2011-12 and 87% in 2012-13. As reported by the States of Chhattisgarh, Odisha and West Bengal, the percentage utilization of funds to total available funds with them during the last three years is as under;

State	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Chhattisgarh	73.17%	82.25%	82.55%
Odisha	85.56%	76.07%	84.69%
West Bengal	91.10%	90.40%	93.45%