

Over 26,000 km of Rural Roads Targeted for Completion in FY 2026-27; Centre Reviews Progress with States

Secretary, Rural Development Chairs High-Level Review Meeting on Rural Road Connectivity Schemes

States Directed to Accelerate Last-Mile Connectivity, Strengthen Quality Monitoring and Ensure Universal Adoption of e-MARG Platform

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The Government of India has earmarked ₹18,907 crore during FY 2026-27 for the construction of **26,474 kilometres of rural roads** under the **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)** and related rural connectivity initiatives.



This was highlighted during a comprehensive high-level review meeting convened by the Ministry of Rural Development to assess the state-wise physical and financial progress under PMGSY and the **Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA)**. The meeting was chaired by the Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Government of India, Shri Rohit Kansal.



Senior officials, including Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries and Chief Executive Officers of State Rural Roads Development Agencies (SRRDAs) from Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Rajasthan and Telangana participated in the review.

Focus on Last-Mile Connectivity

The Secretary reviewed state-wise targets and implementation status for FY 2026-27, with special emphasis on achieving saturation of rural connectivity in left-out areas.

States were directed to expedite the completion of all remaining unconnected habitations under **PMGSY-I** and **PM-JANMAN**, with particular attention to **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) habitations**. Emphasizing the need for universal all-weather road access, the Secretary urged States to fast-track the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), resolve execution bottlenecks and ensure timely completion of pending connectivity projects.



Progress under RCPLWEA was also reviewed in detail. Recognizing the strategic importance of road infrastructure in Left Wing Extremism affected districts, the Secretary directed concerned States to maintain close coordination with implementing agencies and ensure timely completion of all sanctioned works.

The participating States presented targeted action plans and assured the Ministry that all pending works and annual targets would be completed within the prescribed timelines.

Strengthening Quality and Digital Governance

A major focus of the review was the quality and long-term sustainability of rural road assets. The Secretary stressed that strict adherence to quality standards and effective maintenance mechanisms are essential for ensuring durable and reliable rural connectivity.



States were urged to strengthen field-level inspections, enhance quality monitoring systems and ensure robust oversight throughout project execution.

The meeting also emphasized the **universal deployment of the e-MARG (Electronic Maintenance of Rural Roads under PMGSY) platform**, enabling real-time monitoring of maintenance activities, performance assessment and payment tracking. Wider adoption of the platform is expected to improve transparency, accountability and efficiency in rural road maintenance.

Way Forward

Concluding the review, the Secretary issued state-specific directions for addressing implementation bottlenecks, fast tracking land acquisition and forest clearance proposals, ensuring timely compliance with project milestones and strengthening coordination among State Governments, the National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA) and the Ministry of Rural Development.

The States reaffirmed their commitment to accelerating execution, improving infrastructure quality and ensuring that the benefits of all-weather road access reach every eligible habitation across the country.

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