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Recently, The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gave its approval to the proposals for a continuation of **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)** I and II.



[Ref: Economic Times]

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

- **Launched by:** Ministry of Rural Development in 2000.
- **Aim:** To provide good all-weather road connectivity to unconnected Habitations.
- **Eligibility of projects:**
 - **Unconnected Habitation** of designated population size (500+ in plain areas and 250+ in North-East, hill, tribal and desert areas as per 2001 census).
 - A Habitation is a cluster of population, living in an area, the location of which does not change over time.
 - Desam, Dhanis, Tolas, Majras, Hamlets, etc. are commonly used terminology to describe the Habitations.
- PMGSY promotes the use of **new and green technology in the construction of rural roads**.
 - Locally available materials are used in road construction to promote cost-effective and fast construction.
 - PMGSY envisages a **three-tier Quality Assurance Mechanism** to ensure the quality of road works during construction and post-construction.

Phases of PMGSY

PMGSY Scheme is divided into three phases that are:

- **Phase I:**
 - It was **launched in December 2000** as a 100 % **centrally sponsored scheme** to provide single all-weather road connectivity.
- **Phase II**
 - This phase of **PMGSY was approved in May 2013**.
 - In this phase, the roads already built for village connectivity were to be upgraded to enhance rural infrastructure.
 - Under PMGSY-II, an up-gradation of 50,000 Km rural road network was envisaged.
 - Total 49,885 Km road lengths have been sanctioned, of which only 4,240 Km road length and 254 bridges are balanced.
- **Phase III**

- It was approved in **July 2019**.
- It involves consolidation of Through Routes and Major Rural Links connecting habitations to **Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs)**, Higher Secondary Schools and Hospitals.
 - Recently, Uttar Pradesh has been sanctioned 1,255 Km road length for construction using Full Depth Reclamation Technology.
 - This construction technique will not only save cost and time in a big way but also conserve natural resources and reduce carbon footprint.

Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Area (RCPLWEA)

- Indian Government launched this project in the year 2016.
 - It was a **separate vertical under PMGSY** to provide all-weather road connectivity with necessary culverts and cross-drainage structures in 44 districts.
 - These districts are critical from a security and communication point of view.
- Under the project, construction/up-gradation of 5,411.81 km road and 126 bridges/Cross Drainage works were targeted.

Funding:

- For all states: 60 (center):40 (State)
- 8 North Eastern and 3 Himalayan States (J&K, Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand): 90 (Center): 10 (State)