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Dear Sudhir,

As you are aware that the Union Government has advanced the target of providing new connectivity to all eligible unconnected habitations under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to March, 2019. The Department of Rural Development has fixed a target of construction of 61,000 kms road length by connecting 19,725 eligible habitations in 2018-19.

2. The State of Jharkhand has to complete connectivity of 1800 habitations by March, 2019. The State has connected only 209 habitations (11.61%) in this Financial Year. Similarly, against the target to construct 5000 km road length, the achievement is only 462 km (9.24% of the target). The extremely slow pace of construction of the State is much below the national average and is a cause for serious concern. For the next seven months, the State would require to construct roads at an average speed of 22 km per day.

3. The pace of awarding works is also very slow, the State has 4,853 km incomplete road length, of which unawarded road length is 3,318 km. The State has not been able to get approval under PMGSY-II, which would be possible after awarding 80% of old PMGSY-I works. The State needs to expedite awarding of contracts.

4. Against annual allocation of Rs. 900 crore, the State has not yet placed demand for release of 1<sup>st</sup> installment. The State has not yet credited Central Share of Rs.543.035 crore and corresponding State Share of Rs. 362.02 crore for the year 2017-18.

5. It is requested that the above funds may be released immediately to Jharkhand State Rural Road Development Authority (JSRRDA) for smooth implementation of the programme as well as for further release from Government of India.

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6. As per NQM inspections, maintenance on 36% of roads inspected has been found to be unsatisfactory. In order to preserve the huge assets value, State must give emphasis to maintenance of roads.

7. I shall be grateful, if you could look into these issues and direct the concerned Principal Secretary/Secretary to the Government for taking immediate action.

*With best wishes,*



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Yours sincerely,

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