



Dantewada carving a niche in development

Analytical study on the development of the rural roads of Dantewada through Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

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ABSTRACT

For connecting rural areas to urban areas the main aid is roads. Our intention of rural development is the 24x7 connectivity with other urban areas as well as rural areas. The main objective of the rural development is developing the overall rural community and their lifestyle of living. The Government of India-Planning commission has introduced Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for flowering the rural community by giving new opportunities for developing the region in socio and economic ways.

72% of India's population lives in rural areas. so, the rural development is the step to make India a developed country.

Introduction-

Indian Government keep on trying endlessly for the development of rural area and the whole rural community. The Ministry of rural development has introduced so many planning for flourishing the rural area. One of the most premium place of all the rural planning is **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana**.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana was launched by the Central Government scheme to provide all weather road connectivity in rural areas of the country. The Indian Government has declared **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** on 15th August 2000 at Red Fort on the Celebration of 53rd year of Independence day by the former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The substructure of the **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** was kept on 25th December, 2000.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana envisages connecting all habitations with the different population which has three steps to choose for developing rural areas i.e.,

1. Under **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** the first stage is to choose the rural area which has the population more than one thousand.
2. Under **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** the second stage is to choose the rural area which has the population more than five hundred and less than one thousand.
3. Under **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** the third and the last stage to choose rural area is to select mountainous and desert areas like Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Uttrakhand, Rajasthan and tribal areas which has the population more than 250.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana gives the major connectivity for rural areas to connect block headquarters as well as district headquarters for year long.

Purpose-

The **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** permits the up gradation (to prescribed standards) of the existing roads in those district where all the eligible habitation of the desig-

nated population size have been provided all-weather road connectivity. However, it must be noted that up gradation is not central programme and cannot exceed 20% of the states' allocation as long as eligible unconnected habitations in the states still exist. In up gradation works, priority is given to Through Routes of the Rural Core Network, which carry more traffic.

Mission-

Sustainable and inclusive growth of rural Dantewada through all-weather road access to rural habitation to improve their livelihood opportunities including farm to market connectivity and quality of life bringing them in the main stream of socio-economic activities.

Area of Research-

Dantewada district have been selected for the research study. Dantewada (also known as south Bastar district) is a town and a Nagar Panchayat. Dantewada is located at latitude 18-46-48N -to- 19-28-30N and longitude 80-15-42E -to- 81-58-43E. It has an average elevation of 351 meter (1154 feet) and its geographical area is 9046.29 km² (904629.000 Hectares). As of 2011 Indian census Dantewada had a population of 4,78,314. Male constituted 2,36,079 of the population and female 2,42,235 and ST constitute of 3,68,659 which is 77% of total population and has density of 64/km². Dantewada had an average literacy rate of 42%. Dantewada district is divided into four tehsils, each of which is also known as "development block"

1. Dantewada
2. Geedam
3. Kuwa-konda
4. Katekalyan.

Research Objective-

1. The study is designed to have an insight into the various dimensions of rural areas.
2. Study on the attainment of different amenity provided in the rural areas .
3. Contribution to Socio & Economic development of the rural areas.
4. Rake up through the most awful situation i.e. Naxlism.

Study Mode-

The present study contains both primary and

secondary data for investigation. All the information, data and opinion are collected which have a direct and indirect relevance to the information. The primary data are collected through questionnaire and direct interview with 50 members per block and the total members are 200 people. Secondary data is collected through journals, websites and District Statistical Department. The data is analyzed area wise and presented through assorted chart and tables for easy reference.

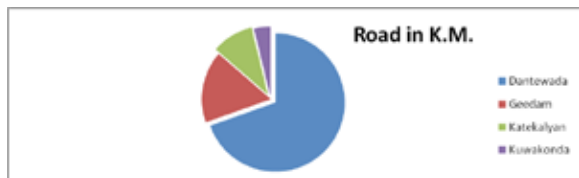
Research Hypothesis -

1. Through **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana**, the contact between the rural areas to urban areas have been increased.
2. There is an enhancement in educational and health institution through **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana**.
3. Through **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** there is an increase in the various dimensions of rural areas of Dantewada.

Table no. 1
The Block wise details of development of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana district Dantewada.

Block	Road in K.M.
Dantewada	101.57
Geedam	120.63
Katekalyan	70.49
Kuwakonda	27.46
Total	320.15

Source:-www.pmgysy.nic.in & www.cgrrda.gov.in

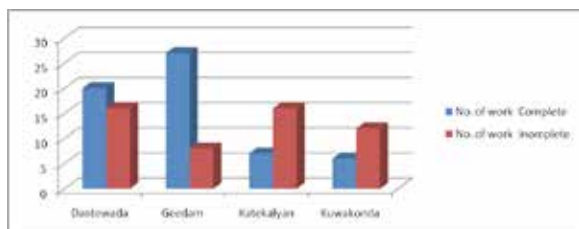


By the help of Table no 01 it is clarified that the most road construction was done in Geedam block i.e., 120.63 km. Whereas lowest road construction took place in Kuwakonda i.e., 27.46 km because this area is mostly affected by Naxalism and it comes in very interior area.

Table no.02
Details of the work done (No. of complete and incomplete roads) by Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

Block	No. of work Complete	No. of work Incomplete	Total
Dantewada	20	16	36
Geedam	27	08	35
Katekalyan	07	16	23
Kuwakonda	06	12	18
Total	60	52	112

Source:-www.pmgysy.nic.in & www.cgrrda.gov.in



No. of complete and incomplete roads

Above Table No.02 give the information that with the help of **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana**, Geedam has shown higher percentage of work completed i.e., 77% which is more than the expectation and rest shows average progress which is like this dantewada 55%, katekalyan 30%, kuwakonda 33% .

Table no. 03
Details of the roads (complete and incomplete roads in length) by Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

Block	Length Completed	Length Incompleted	Total
Dantewada	101.57	92.38	193.95
Geedam	120.63	64.65	185.28
Katekalyan	70.49	59.33	129.82
Kuwakonda	27.46	62.86	90.32
Total	320.15	279.22	599.37

Source:-www.pmgysy.nic.in & www.cgrrda.gov.in complete and incomplete roads in length

Table 04
Details of Transportation facilities between various district and tehsils.

Yes	No	Not Answered
82%	8%	10%

Source:- Questionnaires & Interviews from rural people.

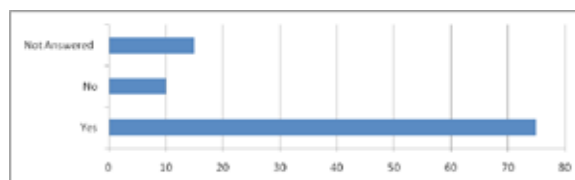


Transportation facilities
Table No. 04 - With the help of Questionnaires & Interviews from villagers, we get the details of transportation facilities between various district and tehsils and it shows that there are only 82% people who say yes and 8% people say no and rest 10% have not answered about this questions. So, by analyzing this data we get the information that the transportation facilities is good in dantewada district.

Table 05
Details of easy availability of 108 Sanjeevni (Ambulance) or 102 Mahatari Express (Ambulance).

Yes	No	Not Answered
75%	10%	15%

Source:- Questionnaires & Interviews from rural people.



Availability of Ambulance
Table No. 05 - With the help of Questionnaires & Interviews from villagers, we get the details of easy availability of Ambulance and it shows that there are only 75% people who say yes and 10% people say no and rest 15% have not answered about this questions. So, by analyzing this

data we get the information that the Ambulance facility is average in dantewada district.

Table 06

Details of regular visit of medical officers and various crew in rural areas of Dantewada district.

Yes	No	Not Answered
63%	17%	20%

Source:- Questionnaires & Interviews from rural people.



Visit of medical officers

Table No. 06 - With the help of Questionnaires & Interviews from villagers, we get the details of regular visit of medical officers and it shows that there are only 63% people who say yes and 17% people say no and rest 20% have not answered about this questions. So, by analyzing this data we get the information that whether the roads construction is done in higher rate the regular visit of medical officers is average in dantewada district.

Problem in development-

The district is currently a part of the Red Corridor. A Naxal or Naxalite is a member of any of the communist guerilla groups in India and in later years, it spread into less developed areas of rural southern and eastern India.

The main Problem for the development of Dantewada is Naxalism. Because of Naxalism the speed of growth in Dantewada is very slow. By resulting many types of violent activities time to time Naxalis show their presence. As they present that they want the flowering of the people but they don't show inclination to walk in the road of development.

Roads plays a major role in the development but because of the naxali problem in Dantewada district, construction of roads is a major challenge for the administration. Naxalis threaten the roads contractors for killing them and for leaving the road works and to reconcile their words they flame all the machines and vehicles those are used in construction of roads because of this reason the road contractors don't show any interest and some of them are scared because of Naxali that is why only 50% of the road construction is done by **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** in Dantewada District.

Conclusion-

The study revealed that **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** scheme is peculiar way to provide all weather road connectivity in rural areas of the country. There is a vast progress in Dantewada district. Because of the establishment of road the establishment of educational institution, education hub city, health institution have take place which has blown the society to light. As we know, more the merrier so here also is a Public Sector company NMDC which supports for upgrading the social life of the rural areas of Dantewada.

Although there are number of challenges to be faced, the opportunities appear bright. Likewise here also Government have so many strategies to face the difficulty of the major problem of Naxalism and continue with the construction of roads.

Now we don't have an exaggeration in saying that:

Rising from the middle of Naxalism

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