

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1691**  
ANSWERED ON-15/03/2023

**PROGRESS OF COASTAL HIGHWAY IN ODISHA**

1691. DR. SASMIT PATRA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the Coastal Highway in Odisha;
- (b) by when the work is expected to commence and completed;
- (c) total expected expenditure for the same;
- (d) reasons for delay in commencing the work; and
- (e) details of its project report?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) The coastal highway project stretch in the State of Odisha comprises of following two parts viz.

- (i) Rameshwar (near Tangi) to Ratanpur – having total length of about 176 km; and
- (ii) Ratanpur to Digha – having total length of about 170 km

**Rameshwar to Ratanpur:** The stretch from Rameshwar to Ratanpur has been divided into following four packages for implementation:

- i. Rameshwar-Puri (km 0.000 to km 47.050)
- ii. Puri-Kakatpur (km 47.050 to km 91.600)
- iii. Kakatpur-Earsama (km 91.600 to km 134.400)
- iv. Earsama-Ratanpur (km 134.400 to km 177.070)

The bids for three packages viz. Package-I, II and IV have already been invited. There is protest for change in alignment in Package-III i.e. Kakatpur to Erasama due to which land acquisition is affected.

The works in Package-I, II and IV are targeted for commencement in the next financial year (FY) 2023-24 and they would take approximately 30 months for completion from the commencement of the project. The bids for Package-III can be invited and work can commence only after the issues regarding alignment are resolved.

The total expected expenditure including land acquisition is estimated to be approximately Rs. 8000 crore.

**Ratanpur to Digha:** The alignment for the stretch has been finalized and it is targeted for award in the next FY 2023-24. The work would take approximately 30 months for completion from its commencement.

The work of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the section Ratanpur to Digha has been taken up and expected expenditure can be ascertain based on the outcome of the DPR.

(e) The work of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the section Rameshwar to Ratanpur was taken up and the final DPR has been submitted on 23.01.2023.

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