

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1381
ANSWERED ON - 11/02/2026

ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IN FLOOD-PRONE DISTRICTS

1381. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry will provide assistance for climate-resilient road infrastructure in flood-prone districts like Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur and Puri districts of Odisha; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) The Government in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the country including the NHs in the state of Odisha. Development and maintenance of State roads including State Highways, district roads, rural roads etc. is the responsibility of State Government.

Government, through the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways provides for climate-resilient road infrastructure in flood-prone districts, including Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur and Puri in Odisha. The planning, design, construction and maintenance of National Highways and related infrastructure in such areas are carried out in accordance with relevant Indian Road Congress (IRC) codes and specifications. These provisions take into account local geomorphology and hydrology, long-term rainfall data and extreme weather events, catchment characteristics, drainage patterns, over-land and subsurface flows, as well as the adverse impacts of unplanned urbanisation on natural drainage. Accordingly, climate-resilient measures are integrated into National Highway projects to ensure safety, durability and uninterrupted connectivity in flood-prone regions.

There is a separate fund for financial assistance for recovery and reconstruction of roads damaged by floods administered by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Also, Government has made a separate provision of funds for maintenance and repair of National Highways (NHs), which includes repair / immediate restoration of traffic for damages due to floods.
