

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2950**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH MARCH, 2026/ PHALGUNA 27, 1947 (SAKA)

ROAD CONNECTIVITY IN REMOTE LWE-AFFECTED DISTRICTS OF ODISHA

2950. SMT. SULATA DEO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to enhance road connectivity in remote Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts of Odisha under the Road Requirement Plan for security forces; and

(b) if so, the details and progress thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) & (b): To address the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) menace holistically, a “National Policy and Action Plan” was approved in 2015. It envisages a multi-pronged strategy involving security related measures, development interventions, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities etc. Improved law and order and security situation, accompanied by investment in infrastructure has created an enabling environment for enhanced socio-economic development. The Government of India’s focused attention on development in tribal and remote areas is leading to complete eradication of Naxalism.

On the development front, apart from flagship schemes of Government of India, several LWE specific initiatives have been taken with special thrust on connectivity through expansion of Road Networks, improving Telecom Connectivity, Skill Development, Financial inclusion & Education. The Government of India is implementing two LWE- specific schemes for expansion of road networks in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, namely, the Road Requirement Plan-I (RRP-I) and Road Connectivity Project for LWE affected areas (RCPLWEA). These schemes have the twin objectives of facilitating the movement of security forces and promoting socio-economic development in these areas. In this endeavour, 15,063 km roads have been constructed in LWE affected areas. In respect of the State of Odisha, 1,132 km of roads have been sanctioned, of which 1,089 km have been constructed under the above schemes.
