

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2826
ANSWERED ON-12/08/2026

BHADRACHALAM-VISAKHAPATNAM CORRIDOR

2826. SHRI RAVI CHANDRA VADDIRAJU:

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

(a) whether Government has examined any proposal of the road corridor from Bhadrachalam in Bhadrachalam Kothagudem district to Visakhapatnam via Chintoor and Sileru, which is a traditional route used by tribal communities and connects remote areas of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha;

(b) whether Government recognizes the importance of improving connectivity in tribal and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected regions; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to upgrade this corridor under National Highway development programmes and the details of feasibility studies, estimated cost, timeline and present status of approval?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) The Government in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways receives proposals from various State Governments/ Union Territories (UTs), from time to time, for upgradation/declaration of State Roads, including tribal and Left Wing Extremism affected regions, as National Highways (NHs). Decisions are taken to notify State Roads as NHs from time to time based on the broad principles of declaration of NHs, requirement of connectivity, inter alia, tribal and Left Wing Extremism areas, traffic density and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP).

The Government has sanctioned several projects under the Scheme of Road Connectivity in LWE affected areas amounting Rs. 2170 Crore and under the Scheme of Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) amounting Rs. 1711 Crore in the State of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.

Bhadrachalam and Visakhapatnam are connected by NH-30 from Bhadrachalam upto Chinturu (already developed to 2 lanes with paved shoulder), and thereafter by State Road passing through Sileru, Chintapalli, Narsipatnam and Tallapalem, where it joins NH-16. NH-16 already developed to six lanes, which passes through Visakhapatnam.
