

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2230**  
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**MAINTENANCE OF NH IN ODISHA**

2230. SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:  
SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of stretches entrusted to National Highways Authority of India(NHAI) for improvement under different programmes in the country including Odisha along with the funds allotted for this purpose;
- (b) the details of National Highways where improvement work has been completed or in progress, State-wise;
- (c) the details of National Highways where improvement works are yet to be taken up; and
- (d) the status of improvement and maintenance of the stretches Talcher-Chandikhol, Cuttack-Angul-Samalpur?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MANSUKH L.MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (b) A total length of 36097 km of National Highways including 1462.34 km in Odisha has been entrusted to National Highways Authority of India as on 31.12.2017 for improvement. The funds allotted for this purpose in Financial Year 2017-18 is Rs 22567.69 crores.

The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. The minimum desirable standards for NHs is of 2 lane configuration. The works on NHs, including those for development of NHs to minimum 2 lane NH standards, are, accordingly, taken up depending upon inter-se priority, traffic density and availability of funds. The Ministry has taken up development of NHs/ roads under various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North East Region (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads, Special Programme for Development of Roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, National Highways Interconnectivity Improvement Project (NHIIP), National Highways (Original) [NH (O)] scheme, etc. Various phases of NHDP envisaged development of NHs to 4/6 lane and 2 lane NH standards, development of expressways, etc.

Development of most of the roads/ NHs under other schemes envisages their upgradation to 2 lane NH standards. During 2017-18, progress achieved towards development of NHs to 2 lane and 4 or more lane NH standards were about 2,889 km and 1,399 km respectively upto the period ending December, 2017.

(c) The Ministry had taken up detailed review of NHs network with a view to develop the road connectivity to Border areas, development of Coastal roads including road connectivity for Non-Major ports, improvement in the efficiency of National Corridors, development of Economic Corridors, Inter Corridors and Feeder Routes along with integration with Sagarmala, etc., under “Bharatmala Pariyojana”. Under this proposal, the Ministry has identified stretches for development of about 26,200 km length of Economic Corridors, 8,000 km of Inter Corridors, 7,500 km of Feeder Routes, 5,300 km Border and International connectivity roads, 4,100 km Coastal and Port connectivity roads, 1,900 km Expressways, National Corridor Efficiency improvement by development of ring roads around 28 cities, decongestion of about 125 choke points and 66 congestion points, development of 35 nos. of Multimodal Logistics Parks. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the proposal for investment approval for Phase-I of “Bharatmala Pariyojana” during its meeting held on 24.10.2017. “Bharatmala Pariyojana” Phase-I includes development of about 9,000 km length of Economic corridors, about 6,000 km length of Inter-corridor and feeder roads, about 5,000 km length of National Corridors Efficiency improvements, about 2,000 km length of Border and International connectivity roads, about 2,000 km length of Coastal and port connectivity roads, about 800 km length of Expressways and balance length of about 10,000 km of roads under NHDP. The programme is targeted for completion in 2021-2022. The general principle for upgradation of roads under Phase-I of Bharatmala Pariyojana includes development of Economic corridors primarily to 4/6 lane NH standards, Inter-corridor and feeder roads primarily to 4 lane NH standards and Border, International connectivity roads, Coastal and port connectivity roads primarily to 2 lane NH standards.

(d) The development of Talcher - Chandikhol into three packages has been awarded by NHAI on 31.01.2018. The maintenance work in the existing stretch has started. The development of Cuttack-Sambalpur has been taken up into two packages i.e. Cuttack to Angul and Angul to Sambalpur. As regards the stretch of Angul-Sambalpur, the work as well as maintenance has started by the contractor. For the stretch of Cuttack to Angul, it has been subdivided into two packages i.e. Manguli to Jhargadia and Jhargadia to Angul. The work of 4-laning of Manguli to Jhargadia has started, moreover, contract agreement has been signed in the project of 4-laning of Jhargadia to Angul. The repair & maintenance was being carried out through State PWD up to 2017.

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