

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2708  
ANSWERED ON 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**NATIONAL HIGHWAY STATUS**

**2708. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्गमंत्री

**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has granted inprinciple National Highway (NH) status to Balangir Patnagarh - Khaprakhol - Udyanbandh and Palasa Paralakhemundi- Ramanguda - Bissamcuttak Muniguda - Bhabanipatna - Khariar - BangomundaPatnagarh - Padmapur sections in Odisha and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to issue notification to declare the aforementioned roads as NHs;**
- (c) if so, the proposed timeline thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Detailed Project Report (DPR) regarding the Balangir — Udyanbandh and Palasa Padmapur stretches has been submitted to the Government;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (f) if not, the proposed deadline for submission of DPR for the purpose?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS**

**(Shri NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

- (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The State Highways Balangir-Patnagarh-Khaprakhol-Udyanbandh and Palasa-Paralkhemundi-Ramanguda-Bissamcuttack-Muniguda-Bhabanipatna-Khariar-Bangomunda-Patnagar-Padampur sections in Odisha were granted in-principle**

**approval as National Highways (NHs) on 10.11.2015. The draft Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Balangir-Udyanbandh and Palasa-Padampur were prepared by the consultants engaged by the Ministry. However, the said stretches of road have not been declared as NH till date.**

**Ministry keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments/UTs, public representatives, etc. for declaration/up-gradation of state roads as NHs. Ministry considers declaration of some of the state roads as (including in-principle NHs) as NHs from time to time based on the requirements of connectivity, traffic levels, inter-se priority and availability of resources subject to fulfillment of criteria for declaration as new NHs.**

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