

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3169
ANSWERED ON 21TH DECEMBER, 2023**

NH CONNECTING ODISHA AND CHHATTISGARH

3169. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken to connect Odisha and Chhattisgarh by National Highway (NH) from Palasa-Paralakhmudi-Ramanguda-Bissamcuttack-Muniguda-Bhabanipatna-Kharia-Bangomunda-Patnagarh-Padmapur;**
- (b) the details of the steps taken with respect to works on NH from Balangir-Patnagarh-Khapra-Khol-Udyanbandh;**
- (c) whether there has been a delay in the commission of the two said projects and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the time by which the two said NH projects would be completed?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) to (b) Palasa-Paralakhmudi-Ramanguda-Bissamcuttack-Muniguda-Bhabanipatna-Kharia-Bangomunda-Patnagarh-Padmapur road and Balangir-Patnagarh-Khapra-Khol-Udyanbandh road are not National Highways (NHs). Ministry receives 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 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.

(c) to (d) Do not arise.
