

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 871
ANSWERED ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2023**

GRANTING STATUS OF NH

871. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to grant the status of National Highways (NHs) to Bhawanipatna Muniguda-Bissamcuttack-Rayagada-Parvatipuram-Vizianagaram stretches;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to grant NH status to Gunupur- Baliguda (Phulbani) via Padmapur-Gudari-Chandrapur stretch;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the said State Highways into NHs?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (e) : Ministry receives proposals from various State Governments/UTs, public representatives, etc. for declaration/up-gradation of State roads as National Highways (NHs). Ministry considers declaration of some of the State roads (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 fulfilment of criteria for declaration as new NHs.
