

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.720**  
ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019

**EXPANSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS**

720. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the dilapidated condition of National Highway Nos. 326 and 26;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government for the reconstruction of these highways;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to start work on four-laning of these highways and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of all the by-passes proposed around major towns Rayagada, Koraput, Jeypore on these highways?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) & (b) Due to extended monsoon & excessive rain till end of October 2019, certain stretches of NH-26 & NH-326 in Odisha have been damaged. Temporary restoration works have been taken up in the damaged stretches by filling depressions & potholes by granular material and removing fallen trees to make the road in traffic worthy condition. The work for repair of the damaged stretches with bituminous material has already been taken up.
- (c) Four laning of these National Highways will depend upon the traffic, availability of funds and inter-se priority.
- (d) The details of the bypasses are as under:
  - i. Rayagada bypass- No proposal has been received in this Ministry from the State PWD of Odisha.
  - ii. Koraput bypass- The alignment plan has been approved by this Ministry. However the Land Aquisition is stuck up due to issues raised by the Railways.
  - iii. Jeypore bypass- The alignment plan has already been approved by this Ministry. The Land Acquisiton for the project under Section 3G of NH Act is in process.

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