

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4745  
ANSWERED ON 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**ROAD CONNECTIVITY IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS**

**4745. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
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SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:**

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

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any programme to connect remote and naxal affected areas by roads to ensure speedy development of such areas;**  
**(b) if so, the details of physical and financial progress during the last three years, State-wise;**  
**(c) the details of proposals from States received and approved along with those which are pending with the Union Government during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;**  
**(d) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced in construction/maintenance works in naxal affected areas and if so, the details thereof along with reaction of the Government thereto; and**  
**(e) the remedial steps being taken by the Government to bring remote and naxal affected areas into mainstream through road connectivity?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS**

**(Shri NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) & (b) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) has launched Road Requirement Plan-I (RRP-I) in 2009 with an objective to improve road**

**connectivity in Naxal affected/Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas in 9 States, viz., Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh. A total of 234 works involving improvement of 5362 km of roads were sanctioned by this Ministry under RRP-I, out of which 210 works of 5038 km length have been completed. The details of physical and financial progress of these works during the last three years are at Annexure-I. Subsequently, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) also launched Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCPLWEA) in the year 2016 to improve the road connectivity in 44 worst affected LWE districts and some adjoining districts in the above 9 States, viz. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh. The scheme has twin objectives of ensuring socio-economic development of the area as also enabling smooth and seamless anti-LWE operations by the security forces. A total of 10,901.45 km road length has been sanctioned by MoRD and 5,560.74 km of road length has been completed. The details of physical and financial progress during the last three years under RCPLWEA, State wise under MoRD are at Annexure - IA.**

**(c) No proposal has been received and approved under RRP-I by MoRTH during the last three years and the current year as most of the works under RRP-I have already been sanctioned. The details of proposals approved and those pending under RCPLWE by MoRD during the last 3 years and current year, State-wise are at Annexure -II.**

**(d) & (e) While implementing the schemes, challenges like availability of limited construction hours per day, lack of consistent/adequate deployment of security personnel, frequent bandhs/strikes called by naxals, lesser participation of bidders in naxal affected areas etc., have been faced, which had impacted the overall progress of the scheme. Other issues like delays in land acquisition, forest clearance, poor contracting capacity of States, lack of**

**response to tenders, law and order issues, financial capability of States to release funds in time, execution capacity of states / State Rural Road Development Authorities (SRRDAs), which hindered progress of the scheme are also encountered. Several steps, like delegation of powers to State Government authorities to accept bids with higher tender rates compared to normal cases, increase in deployment of security personnel to the extent feasible, allowing splitting of works to facilitate deployment of more number of local contractors etc., have been taken to expedite the completion of the works as well as to bring remote and naxal affected areas into mainstream through road connectivity program. Similarly, other measures like, making eligible the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and selected Tribal / Backward Districts / unconnected habitations in these areas with a population of 250 persons and above in the Core Network as per 2001 Census under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY) for connectivity with roads, additional relaxation to connect habitations with population of 100 persons and above as per 2001 census in the critical Left-Wing Extremism affected blocks (as identified by Ministry of Home Affairs) have also been taken. The programme is being monitored at regular intervals through Regional Review Meetings (RRMs), Performance Review Committee (PRC) Meetings and Pre-Empowered / Empowered Committee Meetings with the States. Necessary hand- holding of the state in this regard was done wherever required through Inter-departmental meetings etc.**

**ANNEXURE- I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4745 FOR ANSWER ON 31.03.2022 ASKED BY SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK: SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR: SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO: DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR: SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA): SHRI BHOLA SINGH: DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY REGARDING ROAD CONNECTIVITY IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS.**

**Physical and financial progress of works sanctioned under RRP-I during the last three years:-**

State	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Length completed in km	Expenditure in Rs. crore	Length completed in km	Expenditure in Rs. crore	Length completed in km	Expenditure in Rs. crore
Uttar Pradesh	0	41.93	0	32.04	0	15.3
Odisha	13	14.63	12.5	25.13	10.5	29.98
Chattisgarh	109.55	249.73	42.90	192.15	52.5	140.10
Jharkhand	26	58.36	11.7	28	24.5	58.81
Andhra Pradesh	0.29	26.44	0	0	0	0
Maharashtra	13	55.47	25	72.48	0	60.37
Total	161.84	446.56	92.1	349.8	87.5	304.56

**ANNEXURE-IA**

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**The details of physical and financial progress of works under RCPLWEA during the last three years and current year:-**

**(Rs. in crore)**

Sr. No	State	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22 (As on 28-3-2022)	
		Road length Completed (km)	Expenditure*	Road Length Completed(km)	Expenditure*	Road Length Completed(km)	Expenditure*	Road Length Completed(km)	Expenditure*
1	Andhra Pradesh	66.31	38.50	161.52	122.31	279.11	205.64	331.45	187.66
2	Bihar	108.00	81.80	312.23	379.50	448.86	492.92	404.92	425.57
3	Chhattisgarh	104.06	86.34	208.59	187.20	457.26	348.04	715.93	295.20
4	Jharkhand	148.86	70.30	221.37	433.94	279.25	243.07	163.75	208.70
5	Madhya Pradesh	2.00	23.29	5.00	17.32	17.25	25.82	21.16	16.54
6	Maharashtra	0	0.00	17.40	40.96	15.73	76.22	125.98	166.39
7	Odisha	53.31	67.70	124.55	120.16	67.49	69.07	97.27	37.29
8	Uttar Pradesh	73.90	35.76	31.35	11.62	109.95	86.96	109.33	56.01
9	Telangana	50.08	51.32	96.68	128.79	45.60	79.11	85.27	144.58
	<b>Total</b>	<b>606.52</b>	<b>455.02</b>	<b>1178.69</b>	<b>1441.80</b>	<b>1720.5</b>	<b>1626.84</b>	<b>2055.06</b>	<b>1537.95</b>

\* Expenditure including state share

**ANNEXURE- II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4745 FOR ANSWER ON 31.03.2022 ASKED BY SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK: SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR: SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO: DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR: SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA): SHRI BHOLA SINGH: DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY REGARDING ROAD CONNECTIVITY IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS.**

**The details of proposals received and approved under RCPLWEA during the last three years and the current year, State-wise**

Sr. No.	State	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22 (As on 28-3-2022)		Pending proposals as on 28.03.2022	
		Road length(km)	Bridges (Nos)	Road length(km)	Bridges (Nos)	Road length(km)	Bridges (Nos)	Road length(km)	Bridges (Nos)	Road length(km)	Bridges (Nos)
1	Andhra Pradesh	277.37	27	648.40	3	68.85	0	24.58	15	0	0
2	Bihar	184.93	10	600.85	34	0	0	189.20	1	0	0
3	Chhattisgarh	0	0	1743.65	3	0	0	0	0	614.70	63
4	Jharkhand	15.55	2	598.55	25	0	0	1135.90	97	75.93	14
5	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	29.05	4	0	0	241.08	0	0	0
6	Maharashtra	0	0	453.87	75	0	0	0	0	0	4
7	Odisha	0	0	97.02	2	0	0	42.99	0	0	0
8	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	287.23	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Telangana	0	0	253.84	16	0	0	0	0	325.58	79
	<b>Total</b>	<b>477.85</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4712.46</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>68.85</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1633.75</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1016.21</b>	<b>160</b>

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