

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1779
ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2024**

NATIONAL HIGHWAY NO. 49

1779. SHRI ANANTA NAYAK:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Highway No. 49, passing through the State of Odisha is in dilapidated condition and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the said NH which connects major mines in the State is facing heavy traffic flow of trucks on it, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal for widening and repair of the said NH and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether National Highway Authority of India has submitted an estimate for the construction and repair of the said NH and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) The said stretch is being maintained in traffic worthy condition through regular operation and maintenance work.**
- (b) & (c) Yes Sir, it provides connectivity to iron ore mines and coal mines in Keonjhar and Jharsuguda districts. Baharagora - Binjabahal - Teleibani sections has already been developed to 4 lane and currently under Operation & Maintenance stage. DPR for 4-laning of Kanaktora - Jharsuguda section of NH-49 from Km.0.000 to Km.68.000 is awarded.**

(d) NHAI has awarded work for construction of animal underpasses in this section for an amount of Rs 203 crore. Further, Operation & maintenance (O&M) agency has been engaged for maintenance of stretches not covered by the Defect Liability Period to maintain highway in traffic worthy condition.
