

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2106
ANSWERED ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

INCLUSION OF BIJU EXPRESSWAY IN NHAI NETWORK

2106. SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that National Highway-130CD (Visakhapatnam–Raipur) and National Highway-53 (Kolkata–Mumbai via Sambalpur and Nagpur) are major national corridors and both intersect with connect to the Biju Expressway at Block Sohela under Bargarh district of Odisha;**
- (b) whether the Government is further aware that Biju Expressway serves as a critical strategic and economic link for Western Odisha, connecting multiple districts and facilitating interstate trade, tourism, defence mobility and industrial development;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include Biju Expressway under the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) network, in view of its strategic connectivity with NH-130CD and NH-53;**
- (d) if so, the details of the proposal, timeline for inclusion, upgradation and funding pattern thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to upgrade and maintain this important corridor in public interest?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (e) Government in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways undertakes Feasibility Study/Detailed Project Report (DPR) for improvement/widening/construction of National Highways/Expressways in the country including the State of Odisha. Decision for project implementation and investment is taken based on the outcome of DPR, requirement of connectivity, traffic density and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan. Biju Expressway is constructed by the State Government of Odisha and there is no proposal to include Biju Expressway under the network of National Highways as of now.
