

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4830
ANSWERED ON 21ST AUGUST, 2025**

NHs IN ODISHA

4830. SHRI AVIMANYU SETHI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has completed the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the road stretches in Odisha that were granted “in-principle” approval as National Highways (NHs) vide letter dated November 10, 2015 and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the current status of each of these road segments with regard to formal declaration as NH;**
- (c) whether the Government would issue necessary instructions for expediting the declaration process and the implementation of these roads as NH and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons for delay in final declaration despite DPR consultants having been appointed?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) to (d) The Government in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has earlier granted "in-principle" National Highways (NHs) approval to certain road stretches in Odisha on November 10, 2015 and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) was initiated**

through the Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) and the State Public Works Department of Government of Odisha. In July 2020, Government has decided to foreclose all such consultancy assignments and decided to share the reports submitted by consultants with State Government for their reference/utilization if State Government intend to develop those stretches through their own resources. All six consultancy assignments have been closed by the Government.
