

Regarding need to transfer the Satkhutumia-Patna Road from district R&B Division, Keonjhar to National Highway Division, Keonjhar in Odisha-Laid

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR): The road from Satkhutumia to Patna (km 0/0 to 67/300) is a major district road under (R&B) Division, Keonjhar, and serves as an important link between two National Highways?NH-220 (Tangahila?Dhenkikote) and NH-20 (Rimuli?Bathypur). A steel plant is proposed at Patna, a dream project of the Hon?ble Chief Minister, and this road is the shortest and only strategic route connecting Patna with the mining and industrial belt of Joda and Barbil. Movement of heavy vehicles for plant construction and interstate logistics will significantly enhance economic returns.

The road also provides an alternative shorter route for people of Keonjhar travelling to major locations in Jharkhand and Bihar, improving regional connectivity and overall social benefits. Strengthening this corridor will benefit both Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts.

Given the developmental importance, it is requested that this road be transferred from (R&B) Division, Keonjhar to NH Division, Keonjhar for further upgradation.

NH-20 is a critical freight and passenger corridor linking Odisha?s mining belt with Jharkhand?s industrial centres. Increasing traffic, especially around Champua, has led to severe congestion. The 6 km stretch from km 0/0 to 6/0 requires widening to 10 m at an estimated cost of ₹14 crore to ease movement and ensure safety.