

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2117  
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BRIDGES ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of NHs passing through Orissa;
- (b) the names of the bridges on National Highways in Orissa which are in poor condition;
- (c) the proposed bridge projects which have not been undertaken so far and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the year-wise plan for reconstruction of the bridges till date which are in dilapidated condition;
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for reconstruction or repair of the damaged bridges on the National Highways in Orissa;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to connect all the districts of Orissa by National Highways; and
- (g) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) 16
- (b) to (e) There are 12 bridges reported to be in poor condition in Orissa. Out of it, 4 bridges require re-construction and the balance 8 bridges require repairs. Development and maintenance of National Highways including bridges on National Highways is a continuous process. Re-construction / repairs of bridges are being taken up in a phased manner in various annual plans depending upon inter-se priority and availability of funds. For maintenance & repairs of National Highways including bridges on National Highways, funds are provided to the State Government under the non-plan head. During the current year annual plan, works for re-construction of two bridges have been sanctioned and one bridge has been repaired.
- (f) to (g) Out of 30 districts in Orissa, 27 districts are connected with National Highways. At present there is no proposal to connect all the districts in Orissa with National Highways