

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3464  
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FUNDS FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAYS WORKS IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the funds allocated by the Union Government for development/repair of existing National Highways, construction of approved National Highways and widening of National Highways into four lane in Orissa during 2004-2005 and 2005-2006, project-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether the funds allocated have been released to the State;
- (c) if so, the reasons for delay in implementing these projects; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government for their expeditious implementation?

**Answer**

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

- (a) For the National Highways with State PWD, the funds are allocated to the State as a whole and not project-wise. For development/repair of existing National Highways including widening and four laning, during the year 2004-05, the funds were allocated to the tune of Rs.72.75 crore for development and Rs.37.24 crore for maintenance. During 2005-06, so far, funds have been allocated as Rs.66.00 crore for development and Rs.34.56 crore for maintenance. The development of National Highways with NHAI are undertaken by NHAI itself and during the year 2004-05, Rs.296.82 crore and during 2005-06 ( up to July 2005) Rs. 119.84 crore has been spent.
- (b) Yes sir,
- (c) The reasons for delay in implementing these projects are mainly due to problems associated with land acquisition, shifting of utilities, non availability of quarries and poor performance of contractors.
- (d) Critical review meetings are held quarterly to closely monitor and expedite the implementation of projects. In case of NHAI, progress of projects are regularly reviewed at various levels in NHAI and Ministry to expedite the implementation of projects.