

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction of National Highways in Orissa is progressing as planned;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (d) the length of Highways constructed in terms of kilometers during the last three years in the State?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) There have been some delays in completion of some projects of widening to 4-lanes by National Highway Authority of India due to problems associated with acquisition of land, shifting of utilities, poor performance of some contractors etc. The award of some works of widening to 2-lanes/improvement of riding quality on National Highway No.-215 are held up due to poor response from contractors.

(b) In the last three years, a total length of about 545 kilometers of National Highways entrusted to the State Government of Orissa has been improved by widening to 2-lanes/strengthening/improvement of riding quality. In addition, a total length of 233.70 kilometers of National Highways has been widened to 4-lanes by National Highway Authority of India under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) during the last three years in Orissa.