

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

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WORK ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing four and six-laning projects alongwith maintenance works on the National highways in Orissa, project-wise;
- (b) the fund allocated and spent on these projects, till date;
- (c) whether the projects are running behind the schedule; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The details of ongoing four laning projects being implemented by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) on the National Highways(NHs) in the State of Orissa are placed at Annexure-I. There is no ongoing 6-laning project on NHs in the State of Orissa. A Short Term 2 years maintenance contract is under implementation by NHAI for four laned section of Bhubaneswar-Jagatpur-Chandikhole of NH-5.

Development & maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. No work-wise/ Project-wise allocation is made. However, a total of Rs.1034.74 crore have been spent on the On-going four laning projects and Rs 2.58 crore on maintenance contract of four laned section of NH-5 by NHAI till date. Further, an amount of Rs 10.98 crore have been spent on the maintenance & repairs of other NHs in Orissa till date during 2007-08.

(c) & (d) Yes, Few projects under implementation in the state of Orissa are running behind the schedule. The main reasons for delay in implementation of four laning projects are: i) delay in handing over the site due to delay in land acquisition, shifting of Utilities, etc. ii) Poor performance of contractors iii) Non-provision of escalation clause in some of the packages iv) Termination of one contract due to non-performance of the contractor and time taken for reaward of balance work.