

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3266
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CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Orissa for construction of a National Highway from Gopalpur to Raipur in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the route through which it is proposed to run;
- (c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (d) the time by which the work is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDUR)]

(a) & (b) Road from Gopalpur to Raipur has been declared as National Highway No.217 in 1999.The route of this National Highway is Gopalpur-Dharakota - Baligurha -Titlagarh - Navapada - Raipur. The portion Gopalpur - Navapada (length - 438 km.) falls in the State of Orissa.

(c) Improvement of this National Highway is being taken up in a phased manner. In the portion lying in Orissa, work of improvement of riding quality in a length of 12 km. at a cost of Rs.2.33 crore is in progress. Further, during the current year improvement works amounting to Rs.14.45 crore are included in the Annual Plan 2002-03 and in periodical renewal programme.

(d) It is too early to indicate the dates of start of new works.