

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7342  
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2002  
CONVERSION OF STATE ROADS TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS  
ANANTA NAYAK

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the requests received from various States during the last three years for raising the status of State -run roads to National Highways in the country;
- (b) the specific requests made by the State Government of Orissa;
- (c) whether Phulanakhara-Puri Road in Orissa is one of these proposals;
- (d) if so, the steps taken to accord sanction to the above proposal ; and
- (e) the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MINISTER GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI)

- (a) Government has received 307 proposals aggregating to about 49,500 km for declaration of new National Highways from various States.
- (b) 13 proposals aggregating to length of about 2100 km have been received from the State of Orissa .
- (c) Yes,Sir.
- (d) &( e) The proposal would be considered alongwith similar proposals received from other State Governments after the finalisation of the Tenth Five year Plan and availability of funds, keeping in view the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways, traffic needs and inter-se priority.