

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SURFACE TRANSPORT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7501

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UPGRADATION OF PANIKOLI TO ROURKELA STATE ROAD

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**Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to upgrade the State road from Panikoli to Rourkela as a National Highway;
- (b) if so, whether the proposal has been accorded sanction during the financial year of 1999-2000;
- (c) if so, whether the work has been started and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the estimated cost of the upgradation project; and
- (e) the details of funds sanctioned for that project?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b) Panikoli is already connected to Rourkela by NH-215 from Panikoli to Rajamunda and by NH-23 from Rajamunda to Rourkela.

(c) to (e) Development and upgradation of national highways is a continuous process. Allocation for development of national highways are made by this Ministry State-wise and not national highways wise. A sum of Rs.3850 lakhs was allocated to the State of Orissa for the development of national highways during the financial year 1999-2000.