

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1278
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2000
UPGRADATION OF ROAD AS NATIONAL HIGHWAY
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

to Unstarred Question No. 7501, dated May 15, 2000 and state:

- (a) whether the standard of the road has not been upgraded despite the fact that the road from Panikoili to Rajamunda has been declared as National Highway;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) The road from Panikoili to Rajamunda has been recently declared as National Highway and taken over by National Highway wing of the State PWD, Govt. of Orissa in March, 2000. Upgradation of this road to National Highway standard has been taken up by the Ministry in the Annual Plan 2000-2001.

(c) The steps taken for upgradation of this National Highway are as follows:

(i) Under riding quality improvement programme of Annual Plan 2000-2001, estimates amounting to Rs. 5.94 crore in a length of about 19.7 km have been sanctioned.

(ii) Feasibility study for improvement of this National Highway has been included in the Annual Plan 2000-2001 for an amount of Rs. 3.00 crore.

(iii) Works costing Rs. 10 crore for permanent restoration of this National Highway due to cyclone of 1999-2000 including construction of a Kusei bridge have been included in Annual Plan 2000-2001.