

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

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ONGOING PROJECTS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the ongoing external area road development projects in Orissa;
- (b) the fund released for those projects as on date;
- (c) the present progress of each such projects so far; and
- (d) the steps taken to expedite the construction of these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) Sir, it is understood that the Hon`ble Member of Parliament is referring to ongoing externally aided road development projects in Orissa.

There is only one ongoing Externally Aided Road Development Project in Orissa for four laning of NH-5 from km 0.00 (Bhubneshwar) to km 27.8 (Jagatpur) including the Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R) work of the project affected persons. The road development works have already been completed. For the R&R, construction of market complex near Jagatpur rotary is being undertaken. An allocation of Rs. 634.25 lakh was made in the annual plan for 2002-03 for this work. However only an expenditure to the tune of Rs. 82,59,026.00 was incurred towards the land cost and payment to project affected persons during 2002-03. The balance amount could not be utilised due to non finalisation of tender for this work by the State PWD during the year 2002-03. The State PWD have now accepted the lowest tender for this work, during the current year, which is 7% in excess of the sanctioned cost. As per the sanction order, this work was required to be got desanctioned, if the tender exceeds by more than 5%.

However as a special case this estimate has not been desanctioned by the Ministry and the State Government has been requested to send revised estimate based on the tender rate.