

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1212  
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2003  
IMPROVEMENT OF BHUBANESWAR PURI ROAD  
ANANTA NAYAK

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

- (a) whether Orissa has sought financial assistance from the Union Government for the improvement of Bhubaneswar-Puri Road;
- (b) if so, the amount sanctioned by the Union Government for the same; and
- (c) the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Bhubaneswar-Puri Road is a National Highway. The Union Government is responsible for its development and maintenance and the entire expenditure is borne by it. Of the total length of 61.521 km of this road, 59 km has already been improved under various schemes and work on the remaining stretch is in progress. Since declaration of this road as a National Highway in 1999, Government has sanctioned Rs.21.01 crore for its improvement.