

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NH ON NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct a national highway to link naxal affected States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways in this regard;
- (d) if so, the response of the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways thereon; and
- (e) the details of other developmental works proposed to be undertaken by the Union Government in the naxal affected States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): The Government of Orissa have proposed the Vijyawada-Ranchi National Highway as it would help in coordination between the States to effectively counter growing activities of the naxal groups in the tribal-dominated districts of Orissa, Jharkhand etc. apart from developing the tribal belts of the States. The State Government, in consultation with the Administrative Ministry, have been requested to revise the proposal after segregating the National Highway component from that of the State roads and explore the possibility of funding the State roads component from various heads like Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Backward Regions Grant Fund, Food for Work Programme, Works under Central Road Fund (CRF), State Plan, etc., and the National Highway component from the Plan scheme `National Highway (original works)`.

(e): The Central Government has advised the States to accord a higher priority in their annual plans for the accelerated integrated development of the naxal affected districts. On its part, the Central Government has included 55 districts in 9 States badly affected by naxalism under the Backward Districts Initiative (BDI) component of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) under which Rs. 15 crores per district per year are given to fill in the critical gaps in the physical and social infrastructure. The scheme is applicable for 3 years w.e.f. 2003-04.

Besides, the Government has schemes like Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), etc. which aim to not only create assets but also generate employment opportunities in all the States including the States affected by naxalism.