

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:287

ANSWERED ON:19.03.2008

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ROADS IN NAXALITE AFFECTED STATES

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from the Naxalite affected States for financial assistance for the development and repair of roads in the respective States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, stretch-wise;
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon;
- (d) the funds allocated and released therefrom in this regard, State-wise; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Union Government to ensure better road connectivity in Naxalite affected States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 287 FOR ANSWER ON 19.03.2008 ASKED BY SHRIMATI MANORAMA MADHAVARAJ AND SHRI RAMESH DUBE REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ROADS IN NAXALITE AFFECTED STATES

(a) and (b) This Ministry is primary responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways. Apart from this, the Ministry is also funding the State Governments for improvement of State roads from the Central Road Fund (CRF). At present, this Ministry has no separate schemes for development and repair of roads in Naxal affected States.

However, the Government of Orissa had proposed in the year 2005 for construction of a National Highway from Vijayawada to Ranchi, passing through the extremist affected areas in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Jharkhand. The total length from Vijayawada to Ranchi is 1632 km having 598 km length of National Highways (NH) and 1034 km length of State Roads.

The State-wise distribution of the length of the Vijayawada – Ranchi route is given below: -

Name of State	Length in km	Total
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National Highways (NH)	State Roads
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Andhra Pradesh	236	-	236
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Orissa	239	980	1219
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Jharkhand	123	54	177
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(c) and (d) The Governments of Orissa and Jharkhand have been requested to submit Detailed Project Reports (DPRs)/ Cost Estimates for development of State Roads for working out financing plan by the Government. The Ministry has, however, approved the proposal for improvement of 13 km stretch of Hata-Tiring State Road in Jharkhand, falling on the Vijayawada – Ranchi section, costing Rs. 9.18 crore under the Central Road Fund Scheme. As regards the development of NH portion aggregating to 598 km length of the Vijayawada – Ranchi section in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Jharkhand, improvement works have been

taken up in phased manner as per availability of funds, which is allocated State-wise and not NH wise.

(e) Action has been initiated by the Ministry to prepare road requirement plan for the Naxalite affected states.