

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

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DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction of the National Highway No.215 from Panikoili to Rajamunda has been inordinately delayed;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken to expedite the construction work; and
- (d) the time by which the construction of the entire N.H. in Orissa is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) to (c) Total length of National Highway from Panikoili to Rajamunda (NH 215) is 269 km. This road was declared as a National Highway in 1999. Since 1999, about 136 km length of this National Highway has been improved under various schemes (this includes 95 km length improved under Periodic Renewal Programme). For the balance length of 228 kms, 11 works have been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs 53.19 crores. Works in these stretches are at various stages of progress. To expedite the progress of on going works, quarterly work-wise review meetings are held and inspections are carried out by the Ministry's officers at the Head Quarter / Regional Office.
- (d) The development and maintenance of the National Highways is a continuous process and is being taken up in phases in various Annual Plans depending upon the availability of funds and inter-se priority.