

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2570  
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CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any critical infrastructure development fund;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the objectives of the said fund;
- (c) whether any amount has been allocated to the Orissa Government under this fund; and
- (d) the work undertaken by the Government from the said fund during the last two years?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b) There is no such fund as critical infrastructure development fund. However, the Central Road Fund (CRF) has been created in the year 2000 by levying a cess on petrol and diesel, which finances National Highways, rural roads, railway safety works and state roads, including roads of economic importance and those providing inter-state connectivity.

(c) & (d) The allocation to the State Govt. of Orissa out of the CRF for the year 2009-10 was Rs.70.56 crores for the purpose of development of State roads.