## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1474 ANSWERED ON:03.08.2010 CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL ROADS IN ORISSA Panda Shri Baijayant;Pradhan Shri Nityananda

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

- (a) whether the Government of Orissa has sought any assistance from the Union Government to construct 10,000 km. of rural roads and renovate the existing roads in the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard; and
- (d) the status of upgradation/four laning of the Bhubaneswar-Puri road stretch?

## **Answer**

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

- (a): The subject regarding Rural Roads does not come under the preview of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. However, as per the information made available by Department of Rural Development, no proposal for road works to be taken up under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana(PMGSY) have been received from the Government of Orissa during current year (2010-2011).
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Does not arise
- (d): The work of 4-lanning of National Highway from Bhubaneswar to Puri has already been awarded on Built Operate and Transfer (toll) mode. Concession agreement has been signed. The concessionaire has to start the work by January, 2011 after financial Close and thereafter the work shall be completed in 30 month.