

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1569
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2010
FOUR LANING OF NH-203
Ray Shri Rudramadhab

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

- (a) whether the Government/NHAI has any proposal to convert the National Highway-203 from two lane to four lane to tackle the volume of traffic on the occasion of pilgrims/tourists visiting Puri;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes sir. The work of 4-lanning of National Highway-203 from Bhubaneswar to Puri has already been awarded on Built Operate and Transfer (toll) mode. Concession agreement has been signed. The work is likely to commence by January, 2011.