

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1331
ANSWERED ON:16.11.2010
VIJAYAWADA RANCHI HIGHWAY
Satpathy Shri Tathagata

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently decided to approve the Vijayawada-Ranchi Highway passing through the naxal affected areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds released for this purpose; and
- (d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has approved on 05-11-2010 an investment of Rs. 1200 crore for improvement of the remaining 600 km stretches in Odisha to 2-lane standards to cover 2-laning of entire 1632 km long Vijayawada-Ranchi road passing through Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Jharkhand.
- (c): It is too early to release funds for the project as funds are released linked with actual construction, which is to be started after completing tender formalities and award.
- (d): The project is likely to be completed by March 2014.