

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:292

ANSWERED ON:30.11.2010

HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN NAXAL AFFECTED DISTRICTS

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

- (a) whether the status of various ongoing National Highway projects in the naxal affected districts of the country has been reviewed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to speed up these projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to ensure expeditious completion of such projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 292 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 2010 ASKED BY SHRI NITYANANDA PRADHAN AND SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA REGARDING HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN NAXAL AFFECTED DISTRICTS

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has identified 34 Districts in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas of 8 States to improve the roads under a Special Programme. Stretches aggregating to 1126 km length of National Highways and 4352 km of State roads have been identified for improvement to 2-lane. State-wise details is given below:

State	Stretches of NH (km)	Stretches of State roads (km)	Total (km)
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Andhra Pradesh	128	492	620
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Bihar	72	603	675
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Chhattisgarh	355	1737	2092
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Jharkhand	504	248	752
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Madhya Pradesh	0	237	237
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Maharashtra	0	420	420
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Orissa	0	615	615
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Uttar Pradesh	67	0	67
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The Special Programme had been approved by the Government with an estimated cost of Rs. 7300 crore. The improvement of roads is being executed by the respective State PWDs. The status of project preparation, sanctioning and award of works of the roads under the programme is Annexed.

A Budget provision of Rs 1,000 crore has been made during the year 2010-11 for incurring expenditure on the LWE roads. The target to complete all these projects is March 2013.