

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3017  
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DEVELOPMENT OF MISSILE TEST RANGE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop the roads connecting Integrated Test Range of Chandipur and Missile Launch complex of Wheeler Islands in the State of Orissa for transportation of material in the event of necessity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the present condition of the roads is bad due to poor maintenance and development;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the total amounts provided for its maintenance and development during the years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010;
- (e) whether peripheral developments undertaken over the years are meager and need additional funds for the roads particularly near Dhamara; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): There is no proposal to develop road between Integrated Test Range (ITR) and Missile Launch Complex at Dhamra in the State of Odisha.
- (c) Condition of roads (under the maintenance charge of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) or constructed on DRDO land) is good. The roads under the charge of State Government need attention.
- (d) DRDO has spent Rs.2.68 Crore during the last three years on the maintenance of its roads.
- (e) & (f): Peripheral development is a State Government matter.