

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

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CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE WORK IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for construction of National Highway (NH) network in the naxal affected areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the status of construction of NHs in such areas State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is facing problems in construction and maintenance work being carried out in Naxal-hit areas;
- (d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether some road projects were delayed brought to a halt due to naxal activities; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof including the remedial measures taken for fast-track road development in the naxal affected areas of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) The Government, in February 2009, had approved a programme for development of 1126 km of National Highways and 4351 km of State Roads in Left Wing Extremism affected 34 Districts in 8 States, at a cost of Rs. 7,300 crore. The present status of construction of NHs under the above programme is annexed.

(c) Yes Madam.

(d) Adequate security is being provided to the construction agencies during execution of the works, as per requirement.

(e) No Madam.

(f) State Governments have been advised to prioritize the roads based on the threat perception in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) areas and to provide sufficient security by deploying State and Central forces during the execution of the works as per requirement.