

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN NAXAL AFFECTED AND TRIBAL DOMINATED AREAS

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

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out any policy/action plan for construction of roads/NHs in the next five years in tribal dominated zones /naxal hit/left wing extremism (LWE) affected areas/States including untouched zones and neglected areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the stretches/areas identified for the purpose especially in Odisha and neighbouring areas alongwith the allocation of budget made in this regard;
- (c) whether any proposal has been submitted in the Planning Commission in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and response of the Planning Commission thereto;
- (e) the details of on-going projects/roads constructed and financial assistance provided to the State Governments for construction of roads in such areas during the last three years and the current year, State-wise/ UT-wise including West Bengal;
- (f) the details of delayed and pending projects alongwith the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to accelerate the pace of work; and
- (g) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Government has approved a programme for development of 5477 km roads in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected 34 districts in 8 States at an estimated cost of Rs. 7300 crore in February, 2009. List of 34 Districts is at Annex-I.
- (c) & (d) Proposal for appraisal of Road Requirement Plan-II for LWE affected areas for development of 7294 km roads at an estimated cost of Rs. 10,700 crore has been submitted to Planning Commission. Planning Commission has conveyed some observations on the proposal.
- (e) Details of ongoing projects, roads constructed and financial assistance provided to the States during last two years (i.e. since the beginning of the programme) and current years are at Annex-II.
- (f) & (g) The details of delayed and projects pending sanction are at Annex-III. Completion period for the projects varies from 12 to 36 months based on the size of the project. Few projects have been delayed and regular monitoring is being done by the Ministry to accelerate the pace of LWE works. All the projects are scheduled for completion by March 2015.