

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

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ROAD NETWORK IN NAXAL AFFECTED REGIONS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revamp the road network in the naxal affected areas in the country including Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details of the road projects proposed to be taken up in such areas;
- (c) whether the Ranchi-Vijayawada Highway road project is likely to help the States in tackling the naxal menace; and
- (d) if so, the status of the project thereof?

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 a scheme for development of 1202.44 km of National Highways and 4363.45 km of State Highways in Naxal affected areas of eight states including Orissa at an estimated cost of Rs. 7300 crore. The length of roads State-wise included in this scheme is at Annex-I.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The total length of Ranchi-Vijayawada route is about 1651 km with 196 km in Jharkhand, 1219 km in Orissa and 236 km in Andhra Pradesh.Improvement of this section is at various stages and the status of the project is at Annex-II.