

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

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ROAD CONNECTIVITY TO NON MAJOR PORTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide 2/4 lane connectivity to non-major ports of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the policy/work-plan in this regard;
- (c) whether the State Government of Odisha has submitted revised proposal for road connectivity to identify non major ports in the State;
- (d) if so, the details and present status thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the approval is likely to be accorded to the same?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) This Ministry envisages to undertake a special package for development of road connectivity for about 50 minor ports in the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17). However, pending finalization of the 12th Five Year Plan, the scheme could not be considered for inclusion under Annual Plan 2012-13 for this Ministry.

(c) to (e) The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) received proposals for development of road connectivity to six minor ports in the State of Odisha, viz. Astranga, Baliharachandi, Gopalpur, Dhamara, Chudamani and Subarnarekha, from the State Government of Odisha.

Feasibility studies have been commenced for providing 4-lane road connectivity to these minor ports and these are expected to be completed by August, 2012. It is premature for indicating any time frame for approving these projects pending finalization of their feasibility reports.