

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal for development of road connectivity for minor ports across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the work-plan prepared in this regard;
- (c) the present status of the proposal submitted by the State Government of Odisha for providing road connectivity to minor ports in the State; and
- (d) the time-frame fixed by the Government for completion of the said projects?

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

Initially, feasibility study for four lane connectivity to these non-major ports was awarded to two consultants in February, 2012. Subsequently, the State Government of Odisha decided to prepare feasibility study report by themselves. It is premature for indicating any time frame for completion of these projects.