

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

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NEW NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN ODISHA
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of State roads declared as new National Highways in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government of Odisha for declaration of State roads as National highways during the said period and to improve communication system in Maoist infested areas to curb left wing menace besides improving socio-economic conditions of local tribals; and
- (c) if so, whether the Government will consider Berhampur-Koraput and Madhapur-Rayagada State Road as new NH passing through the Maoist infested districts of Koraput, Rayagada-Kandhamal and Gajapati in the State of Odisha on priority basis?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

- (a) 57 stretches of roads in various States have been declared as new National Highways in the country during the last three years and the current year.
- (b) Yes, Madam.
- (c) Expansion of National Highway network is a continuous process and declaration of new National Highway is taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds. The following stretches of roads in the State of Odisha have been declared as National Highways:-
 - (i) The highway starting from Chaibasa on NH- 20 connecting Gobindpur, Hata in the State of Jharkhand and connecting Tiringidihi, Rairangpur (Rairangnagar), Jashipur and terminating at its junction with NH-20 near Dhenkikot in the State of Odisha
 - (ii) The highway starting from its junction with NH-59 near Asika connecting Rayagada, Koraput, Jaypore, Malkangiri, Motu in the State of Odisha and terminating on NH-30 near Chinturu in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
 - (iii) The highway starting from Sarapal on NH -53 connecting Naktideul, Redhakhol on NH- 55 and terminating at Bauda on NH- 57 in the State of Odisha.
 - (iv) The highway starting from its junction with NH- 57 near Purunakatak connecting Phulbani, Kalinga, Bhanjanagar and terminating near Asika on NH-59 in the State of Odisha.