

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1017  
ANSWERED ON:17.07.2014  
UPGRADATION OF NH IN ODISHA  
Laguri Smt. Sakuntala

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

- (a) whether any work to upgrade National Highways in Odisha into four lanes is going on;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the work of upgradation of highways into four lanes is getting delayed as scheduled; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay including the workwise details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) to (d) Yes Madam. There are five works of 4-laning of National Highways (NHs) are ongoing in the State of Odisha. Out of which two nos. of works are delayed. The details of the works and the reasons for delay as on 31.03.2014 are as per following details:

Sl. No. Name of work Reason for delay

1. 4-laning of Bhubaneswar - Puri section from km 0.000 to km 67.255 of NH-203. Slow progress by the concessionaire due to cash flow problem, stay given by Honble High Court on land acquisition of Puri bypass and delay in disbursement of compensation.
2. 4-laning of Rimuli-Rajamunda section from km 163.000 to km 269.00 of NH-215. Delay in forest land diversion proposal owing to a court case has affected progress of the project in a length of about 40 km which has also resulted in non disbursement of committed debt by the Bankers and delay in disbursement of compensation.
3. 4-laning of Sambalpur- Bargarh-Chhatisgarh/Orissa Border from km 0.000 to km 88.000 of NH-6. Not applicable.
4. 4-laning of Panikoili- Keonjhar-Rimuli section from km 0.000 to km 163.000 of NH-215. Not applicable.
5. 4-laning of km 68.000 to km 72.000 of NH-200. Work commenced on 01.07.2014.