

Title: Need to expedite the work for construction of National Highway between Gopalpur-on-sea in Orissa and Raipur in Chhattisgarh.

SHRI ANADI SAHU (BERHAMPUR, ORISSA): Sir, Government of India has already announced construction of a National Highway from Gopalpur-on-sea in Orissa to Raipur in Chattisgarh. The construction of the highway will make it possible to connect the inaccessible and tribal areas of Ganjam, Kondhmal, Kalahandi and Nuapura districts of Orissa. Communication will facilitate transport of forest produce and other agricultural products to the minor port of Gopalpur-on-sea and to larger markets on the coastal areas.

However, Government of India have not started the work of land acquisition, drawing up of the plan and other preliminary work to construct the highway in the near future.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways may take immediate steps in the matter.