

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 575
ANSWERED ON - 04/02/2026

STATUS OF HIGHWAYS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF ODISHA

575. DR. SASMIT PATRA:

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

- (a) whether Government has reviewed slow progress on key highway corridors including NH-326, NH-59, NH-130CD and rural roads linking Malkangiri, Rayagada and Koraput;
- (b) the details of sanctioned works, delays and cost escalations for Odisha's southern districts; and
- (c) whether Government propose strict monitoring, contractor accountability and fast-tracking of these long-pending road projects essential for tribal mobility and economic integration?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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(a) Government in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways reviews the progress of all National Highway (NH) development projects in the country on regular basis on key highway corridors including NH-326, NH-59, NH-130CD passing through Malkangiri, Rayagada and Koraput. The construction of rural roads come under the jurisdiction of the State Government.

(b) The details of sanctioned works in progress, delays and cost escalations for Odisha's southern districts are given in Annexure. Besides these projects, Government on 31.12.2025, has approved the project proposal for widening & strengthening of NH-326 from km 68.600 to km 311.700 to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration in the State of Odisha on EPC mode at a total capital cost Rs.1526.21 crore with the condition to ensure availability of encumbrance free land for 90% of length before awarding the contract.

(c) To fast-track projects and expedite project execution, the Government has undertaken various initiatives. These include streamlining and expediting land acquisition using “Bhoomirashi” portal and GIS-based Land Acquisition Plan, revamping “Parivesh” Portal through Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, to facilitate faster forest and environmental clearances, enabling online approval of General Arrangement of Drawings (GAD) of Road Over Bridge/Road Under Bridge (ROB/RUB) from the Railways, and leveraging the mechanism of review and resolution of bottlenecks / hindrances in ongoing projects, in active collaboration with the State Governments and other stakeholders. Government has also launched a web portal for Railway related clearances with defined timelines for various approvals. Government has put in place a strong framework using multiple mechanisms for monitoring project progress and contractor inefficiencies. Regular review meetings are conducted at various levels with stakeholders to assess project progress, and critical projects, such as those delayed by more than three years or pending for award / appointment. The State Governments conduct coordination meetings led by the Chief Secretary to resolve issues affecting project execution. Projects where issues remain unresolved are escalated for further review through the Project Monitoring Group and also through “PRAGATI”.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 575 FOR 04-02-2026 ASKED BY DR. SASMIT PATRA REGARDING STATUS OF HIGHWAYS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF ODISHA

NH works in progress in southern districts of Odisha									
Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Districts involved	Date of Sanction	Sancione d Cost (Cr.)	Length (km)	Appointed Date	Scheduled Completion Date	Delay as on 31.01.2026 (No. of Days) if any	Cost Escalation (Rs. in Cr.) due to delay
1	Widening to two lane with paved shoulder of Bhanjanagar to Aska road of NH-157 from km 119/000 to 159/500 (Design chainage km 117/000 to 157/500) in the state of Odisha on EPC mode.	Ganjam	25-05-2021	87.77	40.5	28-03-2022	27-09-2023	857	1.04
2	Widening & strengthening to 2L+PS from km 0.000 to 40.000 (Dhaugaon- Podamari section) of NH 326 in the State of Odisha under Annual Plan 2021.22.	Ganjam	31-03-2022	186.52	40	05-02-2024	04-02-2026	No Delay	0
3	Widening of existing road of Kalinga Ghat in Valley side for elimination of Black spot using innovative Reinforced Earth Composite/Hybrid system from km 86/330 to 86/615 including Reconstruction Minor Bridge at Ch. 86/700 of NH-157 in the State of Odisha under Annual Plan 2021-22.	Kandhamal	31-03-2022	29.69	0.305	28-08-2023	27-08-2024	522	0
4	Realignment from km 227/700 to 227/970, km 233/260 to 233/980, km 234/090 to 234/860 and km 235/980 to 236/770 of NH-26 (Missing section of Bhawanipatna - Koksara stretch) on EPC mode in the State of Odisha under Annual Plan 2022-23.	Kalahandi	27-02-2023	28.26	2.48	07-06-2024	28-11-2025	64	0.12
5	Widening and strengthening to 2L+PS of NH-26 from km 367/480 to 376/480 for the year 2022-23 under NH(O) in the State of Odisha.	Koraput	22-03-2023	44.06	9.00	16-03-2024	15-09-2025	138	0.7
6	Construction of Bypass on NH-59 from Km 336/350 to 349/910 (13.56 km) near Berhampur town including 4-lane RoB in the state of Odisha.	Ganjam	31-03-2021	196.94	13.56	30-03-2022	29-03-2024	673	8.2

7	Construction of four lane bypass to Jeypore town on NH-26 including land acquisition in the State of Odisha under Annual Plan 2021-22.	Koraput	22-03-2022	135.18	4.91	22-05-2023	12-11-2024	445	4.16
8	Construction of Kotpad Bypass to two lane with paved shoulder configuration on NH-63 in the State of Odisha under Annual Plan 2021-22.	Koraput	24-03-2022	74.48	14.31	05-01-2024	04-07-2025	211	1.49
9	Construction of Borigumma Bypass on NH-26 from km 317.400 to km 320.700 (design chainage 317.400 to km 321.415) under NH(O) in Annual Plan 2022-23 for the State of Odisha	Koraput	20-12-2022	69.48	4.02	26-09-2025	19-03-2027	No Delay	0
10	Construction of Dharmagarh Bypass on NH-130C including land acquisition in the State of Odisha on EPC mode under Annual Plan 2022-23	Kalahandi	13-03-2023	172.66	7.14	30-04-2025	21-10-2026	No Delay	0
11	Construction of Bypass road on NH-26 for Nabarangpur town under Annual Plan 2022-23.	Nabarangpur	27-03-2023	168.95	9.12	02-12-2024	01-12-2026	No Delay	0
12	Construction of 4 HL bridges at Ch. 377/420, Ch. 423/800, Ch. 433/750 and Ch. 484/500 on Malkangiri-Motu Road on NH-326 in the State of Odisha under Annual Plan 2021-22.	Malkangiri	30-03-2022	67.88	4.47	22-05-2023	21-05-2025	255	1.29
13	Construction of 4 lane ROB with approaches in lieu of LC No. RV-172 at km 176.00 of NH-201 (present NH-26) at Kesinga including land acquisition in the state of Odisha on EPC mode under Annual Plan 2021-22	Kalahandi	30-12-2021	324.09	3.557	10-05-2023	08-05-2025	268	3.85
14	Construction of new Minor Bridge across Jeriguda Nallah at km 297/520 (Design Ch.) of NH-326 including approaches in the State of Odisha on EPC mode under Annual Plan 2022-23.	Koraput	27-02-2023	8.81	0.6	11-03-2024	10-09-2025	143	0.3
15	Construction of new bridge over Sagada river at Ch. 192/030 on NH-26 including approaches in the State of Odisha on EPC mode under Annual Plan 2022-23.	Kalahandi	28-02-2023	39.07	2.14	30-05-2025	20-11-2026	No Delay	0
16	Construction of new bridge over Ret river at Ch. 149/753 on NH-26 including approaches and LA in the State of Odisha on EPC mode under Annual Plan 2022-23.	Kalahandi	28-02-2023	39.1	1.82	25-04-2025	16-10-2026	No Delay	0
17	Reconstruction of culverts at km 388/495, km 396/407, km 409/710 & km 415/061 of NH-26 in the State of Odisha for the year 2023-24	Koraput	14-01-2024	1.4017	0.02	09-05-2025	08-05-2026	No Delay	0

18	Rehabilitation of Railway Over Bridge at Rayagada from km 202/175 to 202/790 and Nagavali River bridge from km 192/797 to 193/050 of NH-326 under item rate contract in the State of Odisha	Rayagada	18-11-2024	3.45	0.830	30-07-2025	29-01-2026	2	0
19	Onetime Improvement of Kalasandhapur town portion on NH-59 from km 303.960 to 306.100 for the year 2024-25	Ganjam	06-02-2025	4.88	2.14	06-08-2025	05-02-2026	No Delay	0
20	Development of 6L Greenfield Dhanara to Hatibena section of NH 130CD Road (From km. 124+\$61 to km.146+500) under Raipur- Visakhapatnam economic corridor in the state of Odisha, on Hybrid Annuity Mode (Package OD-1)	Nabarangpur	11-02-2021	477.76	21.84	25-03-2022	23-03-2024	677	1.91
21	Development of 6L Greenfield Hatibena to Badakumari section of NH-130CD Road (From km 146+500 to km 179+000) under Raipur-Visakhapatnam economic corridor in the state of Odisha, on Hybrid Annuity Mode (Package OD-2)	Nabarangpur	11-02-2021	791.17	32.50	04-03-2022	02-03-2024	700	0
22	Development of 6L Greenfield Badakumari to Karki section of NH- 130CD Road (From km 179+000 to km 226+500) under Raipur- Visakhapatnam economic corridor in the state of Odisha, on Hybrid Annuity Mode (Package OD-3)	Nabarangpur	25-03-2021	1101.76	47.50	13-04-2022	11-04-2024	660	3.68
23	Development of 6L Greenfield Badakumari to Karki section of NH- 130CD Road (From km 179+000 to km 226+500) under Raipur- Visakhapatnam economic corridor in the state of Odisha, on Hybrid Annuity Mode (Package OD-3)	Koraput	03-09-2021	1577.56	44	30-05-2022	29-05-2024	612	5.37
24	Development of 6L Greenfield Baunsagura to Baraja section of NH-130CD Road from Km.293+000 to Km.338+500 under Raipur-Visakhapatnam economic corridor in the state of Odisha, on Hybrid Annuity Mode (Package OD-6)	Koraput	22-09-2021	1294.77	45.50	01-06-2022	31-05-2024	610	2.70
25	Development of 6L Greenfield Kandili to Tumbigura section of NH-130CD Road from Km. 342+500 to Km. 365+033 under Raipur-Visakhapatnam economic corridor in the state of Odisha, on Hybrid Annuity Mode (Package OD-8)	Koraput	20-12-2021	1492.74	22.53	17-10-2022	16-10-2024	472	0
