

Sl. No.	Details of Roads / Stretches	Length in Kms
1.	Cuttack-Paradeep	82.00
2.	Sambalpur-Rourkella Road	162.50
3.	Jagatpur-Kendrapara-Chandbali-Bhadrak Road	152.18
4.	Phulbanakhara-Charichhak-Gop-Konark-Puri	104.00
5.	Berhampur-Koraput Road	313.60
6.	Kaakhia-Jajpur-Ardi-Bhadrak Road	92.50
7.	Joshiapur-Rairangpur-Tiringi Road	40.49
8.	Karamdihi-Subdega-Talsora-Luhakera	37.00
9.	Rourkella-Rainbahal-Kanibahal Road	111.00
10.	1Kukurbhuka-Lanjiberna-Salang Bahal Road	31.00
11.	Jaleswar-Batagaon-Chandaneswar Road	35.60
12.	Dhenkanal-Naranpur Road	100.00
13.	Jeypore-Malkangiri-Moti Road	323.00
14.	Madhapur-Kerada-Sarangada-Baliguda-Tumidibandha- Durgapanga-Munigua-Momtelpeta-Rayagada	292.60
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1877.47</b>

(c) and (d) Both the proposals figure in the list of proposals submitted by State Government of Odisha. The 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.

#### **Growth of Aviation Sector**

\*239. SHRI RAJIV PRATAPRUDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is a general decline in the growth of aviation sector;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is taking steps to restore health of the aviation sector;
- (d) whether Government has plans to reduce overhead cost in the aviation sector; and
- (e) if so, the details of action taken.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. While the year 2011 registered 16.6%, +19.7%, -2.4% growth in passenger, aircraft movement and cargo compared with 2010, the growth rate of passenger, aircraft movement & cargo for January-February 2012 are +9.3%, +11.2%, +7.5% compared with corresponding period of 2011. (Cargo data for the year 2011 & 2012 is provisional).

Some of the reasons for decline include high Cost of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), volatile ATF prices in international market; high tax regime in aviation sector; inadequate fares recovery due to intense competition, recent devaluation of the Rupee, high prime lending rates by banks etc. all leading to high operating cost.

(c) to (e) Government has recently taken several sector wide measures to resolve short term as well as long term issues to improve its sustainability and viability. These are :

- (i) An inter-ministerial Working Group constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Civil Aviation to analyze various factors causing stress.
- (ii) The issue of rationalization of VAT on ATF, has been taken up with the State Govts.
- (iii) Directorate General of Foreign Trade has allowed import of ATF by or on behalf of airlines as actual users and on actual use basis.
- (iv) A proposal to allow FDI upto a limit of 49% by foreign airlines into domestic sector is under consideration.

As regard Air India, Government has infused Rs. 800 crores as equity in Air India in the FY 2009-2010, Rs. 1200 crore in FY 2010-11, Rs. 1200 crore in 2011-12. Meanwhile, Group of Ministers (GoM) has approved Turn Around Plan (TAP) and Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP) formulated by Air India.

#### **Navratna Status to VSP**

\*240. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has given Navratna status to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status thereof;
- (d) other similar requests pending with the Ministry from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) by when action would be taken?