

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.-1073
ANSWERED ON -31/07/2024

ROAD REQUIREMENT PLAN-I (RRP) IN ODISHA

1073. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

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

- (a) whether Government's Road Requirement Plan-I (RRP) is still operational in naxal-affected areas in the Country, if so, the State-wise budgetary allocation and targets yet to be achieved under this scheme;
- (b) whether Government has any mechanisms in place to periodically assess the safety and useability of roads built under this Scheme, especially in flood-prone areas of Odisha, if so, the details of these mechanisms thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government plans to expand the scope of its RRP-I in Odisha to include urban areas apart from the rural areas, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Yes, Sir, the Road Requirement Plan –I (RRP-I) for improvement of road connectivity in Left Wing Extremism affected areas was approved in 9 States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh. In 8 States, all the works under RRP-I have been completed and in 1 State, namely, Chhattisgarh, works are at implementation stage. Rs.55 crore has been allocated during current financial year under RRP-I for the State of Chhattisgarh, out of which, Rs. 25.85 crore has been spent so far.
- (b) The National Highways (NHs) and State Roads were identified for development under RRP-I. Maintenance and upkeep of the NHs are being done as per existing norms of this Ministry which take care of safety and serviceability of NHs. Maintenance and upkeep of State Roads are the responsibility of the respective State Governments.
- (c) At present, there is no proposal to expand RRP-I in the State of Odisha.