



# Construction of Highways along Coastline of Odisha

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The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways had proposed for construction of National Highways along the coastline of Odisha in June, 2015. Consultants were appointed for preparation of feasibility report and Detailed Project Report (DPR). The preparation of DPR from Chatrapur ( later extended to Gopalpur) to Ratanpur section has been assigned to M/s Chaitanya Projects Consultancy Pvt. Ltd and from Ratanpur to Digha section has been assigned to M/s Aarvee Associates Pvt Limited.

The consultants started preparation of DPR with effect from 11th February 2016. After preliminary survey, the proposed alignment of the said stretch was shared with the state government in a meeting held on 03rd September, 2016 to which they agreed in-principle. Subsequently, the same was approved in-principle by the competent authority of NHAI vide letter dated 24th November, 2016.

Accordingly, the consultants have undertaken detailed survey of the stretch for the approved alignment and field investigation and survey works have been substantially completed. The feasibility report for Ratanpur to Digha section has been received and same in respect of Gopalpur to Ratanpur is under preparation, and is likely to be submitted by July, 2017. The project will involve acquisition of huge area of private land and forest land apart from existing land under the state govt. The land acquisition will start after approval of DPR. After availability of at least 90% of land, the project will be commenced.

This information was given by Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways, Shipping and Chemical & Fertilizers Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha today.

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