



*Interaction with beneficiaries is one of the important exercises conducted by the State team of OMBADC during their field visits. In July 2019, the state team have visited a road project site in Rairangpur. The rural road was being constructed from Badbil village to Katupit. Badbil village is situated on the top of a hill and was not connected by pucca road to the nearby PCC road. During interaction with the team, the villagers shared their pain that that they used to bring down the rice on their head for selling in the nearby market. During medical emergencies, they had to carry the patients on a cot which requires 3-4 persons. Children faced problems in commuting to the high school which is 7 km from the village. After completion of the rural road the team revisited Badbil village. The villagers were very happy and said that life has become easy for them. They are approaching markets with ease, frequency of visits of health team has increased and it has also benefitted the schooling of the children.*



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# RURAL CONNECTIVITY



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## OMBADC INTERVENTION

Rural roads infrastructure provides the crucial last mile connectivity to the distant human settlements, commercial and industrial establishments. Rural roads act as a facilitator to promote and sustain agricultural growth, improve basic health, provide access to schools and economic opportunities, and thus hold the key to accelerated poverty reduction, socio-economic transformation, national integration, breaking the isolation of village communities and finally lead to holistic and inclusive rural development.

Among the states of India, Odisha stands 4<sup>th</sup> in road density which comes to 150 per 100 sq.km of land area (*Transport research Wing, GOI, 2015*). The length of Rural Roads in the state is 47,295 Km (*R&B, EIC RW and PR Dept. 2018-19*). Since the figure is not very encouraging, construction of all-weather connectivity roads through Rural Development Department is one of the major steps taken by OMBADC towards achieving its objectives of tribal welfare and area development of mining affected districts.

OMBADC has sanctioned funds for the Proposal "Construction of all-weather connectivity Roads & Bridges" to the tune of Rs. 525.44 Cr. to Rural Development Department for establishing Rural Road Connectivity to unconnected habitations of the 4 mining affect districts viz., Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Sundargarh and Jajpur. However, RD Department has taken up 143 roads and 14 bridge works of value Rs. 272.59 Cr in these 4 districts.



## Overview of Works

The works are executed under the supervision of the Rural Works Divisions of each district headed by the Executive Engineers of the respective divisions.

As the trend shows, the works are executed at a good pace with a motive to provide last mile connectivity to the habitations.

So far, 82 Roads and 07 Bridge works are completed out of the targeted 143 roads and 15 bridge works.

OMBADC has released funds to the tune of Rs. 215.41 Cr. and expenditure of Rs. 178.34 Cr. is incurred.

Overall 65% of the work is completed and the remaining is expected to be completed by end of FY-2022-23.

