

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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INVESTMENT IN ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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

- (a) whether a survey conducted by the Government for Monitoring Indian Economy has revealed that road highway projects are attracting more money than investments in telecom-related infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the States are not able to invest sufficient money on development of roads;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to attract more investment in these States?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

- (a) & (b) Presumably the Hon'ble Member has private investment in mind. It may be stated that in National Highway sector, an investment of Rs. 1831 crore is committed upto June, 2001. This is much less than the investment made in the telecom sector.
- (c) to (e) Development of roads other than National Highways is the responsibility of the respective State Governments. However, after the establishment of the Central Road Fund, the Central Government is providing assistance to State Governments of the order of Rs.2,500 crore for rural roads and about Rs.1,000 crore for State roads.