

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

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ROAD PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY NHAI

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

- (a) whether the road projects undertaken by the National Highways Authority of India (NHA) have been stalled in certain States as reported in the Indian Express dated February 6, 2003;
- (b) if so, the names of the States where law and order problems have stalled road building activities; and
- (c) the details of the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to complete all road works under NHA in time?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (F B.C.KHANDURI)

- (a) The progress of projects of National Highways Authority of India (NHA) in some States has been hampered due to law and order problems and other issues like delay in land acquisition, removal of utilities and slow mobilisation by contractors.
- (b) In the States of Bihar, Jharkhand and Orissa, law and order problems have slowed down the progress on projects.
- (c) The matter has been taken up at the highest level of the Chief Ministers of concerned States for providing more security. Contractors for these projects are also being persuaded to complete the works as per the target date.