

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4402
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CO-PROMOTE MORE HIGHWAY PROJECTS
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to co-promote more highway projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have undertaken any study to increase vehicle transport in relation to availability of highway network; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is encouraging private sector participation in development and maintenance of National Highways and this includes co-promotion of projects. As per the present policy, Government can grant capital subsidy upto 40% of the project cost and/or participate in the equity of privately funded projects to the extent of 30% of project equity if required in case of projects taken up on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis.

(c)&(d) No, Sir. In fact the existing road network is considered inadequate to cope up with increasing traffic on our roads and efforts are being made to upgrade and expand the road network within the available resources.