

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

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EXPEDITING ROAD PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a Committee of Secretaries to expedite road sector projects and to address inter-ministerial and Centre-State issues such as land acquisition, utility shifting and environmental approvals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Prime Minister has directed the Ministry to implement Highways projects estimated at Rs. 2,20,000 crore;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the Committee will help expediting the projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has constituted a Committee of Secretaries (CoS) headed by Cabinet Secretary to resolve bottlenecks in ongoing National Highways Development Project (NHDP) projects requiring Centre-State and Inter-Ministerial Coordination. Three meetings of CoS have been held till date; first on 01.04.2005, second on 03.11.2005 and third on 03.08.2006. Many issues considered during these meetings have since been resolved.
- (c) and (d) The Committee on Infrastructure headed by Hon'ble Prime Minister had outlined implementation of NHDP under seven phases with an estimated investment of Rs. 2,20,000 crore. Government has now approved Phase IIIA and IIIB of NHDP with enhanced scope and NHDP Phase V and VI. Accordingly the investment would be of the order of Rs. 2,35,430 crore.
- (e) Issues requiring Centre-State and Inter-Ministerial Coordination are addressed by the Committee to resolve bottlenecks in the projects.