

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:455

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PRIVATISATION OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF NH

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to assign the works relating to construction and maintenance of national highways to private parties;
- (b) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented;
- (c) the No. of highways proposed to be covered under the same;
- (d) whether there is any provision for foreign capital investment in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for inviting bids on BOT basis involving private sector to assign the works relating to construction and maintenance of National Highways. The proposal includes 4-laning of 10,000 kms under Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana, out of which 5244 kms covering 43 sections of 33 National Highways have been identified. The proposal also includes 123.5 kms covering 3 sections of National Highways in North South Corridor and 36.3 kms covering one section of National Highway in East West Corridor. It is premature to indicate the overall time for implementation of this proposal.

(d) and (e) There is no provision for foreign capital investment in this proposal. Foreign companies can however participate in the international competitive bidding.