

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:843
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WIDENING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

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

- (a) the details of projects currently underway for widening of National Highways from the existing 18 metre into 30 metre wide roads;
- (b) the present status of such projects in terms of its stages of completion;
- (c) whether Government is facing any obstacle in the execution of National Highway projects across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the corrective measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b): No project is underway for widening of National Highways from the existing 18 m into 30 m wide roads. However, NHAI is implementing projects of 4/6/8 laning and 2 lane with paved shoulders under various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP).

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. The execution of projects under NHDP have been affected due to various reasons including increase in prices of construction materials, delay in land acquisition, utility shifting, obtaining clearances from forest / environment, poor performance of some contractors and law & order problems in some states. In order to expedite the process of four laning, progress of projects is closely monitored and concerted efforts are being made to expedite land acquisition, shifting of utilities, granting interest bearing advances to contractors, etc.