

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

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

- (a) whether the British-India Roads Group (BIRG) has expressed interest in building roads and Highways in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the consortium would be involved in providing technical support and knowledge sharing in areas including reforms of the certification and licensing procedure, road safety, financing and construction;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has signed any agreement with the consortium so far; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the project?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b) to (c): British India Roads Group (BIRG) has expressed initial interest for co- operation in regard to the following activities:
 - (i) the development of business case for roads and highways investment
 - (ii) operational requirements, including proactive management, maintenance, training and education
 - (iii) the construction requirements, including materials and equipment
 - (iv) design, including engineering, master planning and architecture
 - (v) legal, including drawing up of PPP contracts and dispute resolution
 - (vi) finance and investment
- (d): No, madam.
- (e): Does not arise.