

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DELAY IN PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the recent audit report of Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) has revealed on scrutiny that large number of procurement of equipment has been delayed because of non-completion of projects;
- (b) if so, the details of the projects which have been delayed due to delay in procurement of equipment;and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) to (c) Madam, delay in completion of projects is not due to delay in procurement of equipment only as equipments are ordered in phased manner matching with laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC). For laying of OFC permission is required from National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Forest Department and local bodies which usually takes long time.