

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

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FOREIGN AID FOR ROAD PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to seek financial assistance from foreign sources under public-private partnership including financial markets to build a modern National Highway infrastructure in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the infrastructure projects likely to benefit thereform;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the British Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is permitted under the automatic route for the Highways sector projects. All projects of NHDP are bid out on International Competitive Bid basis and international firms participating and selected through the said method bring in funds from their own sources to execute these projects being implemented on Public Private Partnership basis.

(c) & (d) A proposal has been received for Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on co-operation in the road sector between the Government of India and Government of the United Kingdom seeking co-operation in the areas of motor vehicle testing, driver training, inspection and certification scheme apart from maintaining Highway networks and professional training etc.