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

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SETTING UP OF REGIONAL CENTRES
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### Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Regional Centres in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details and its functions thereof;

(c) whether widening and maintenance of National Highways is also proposed to be entrusted to such regional centres;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken for the safety and time bound completion of the ongoing construction works in National Highways?

# Answer

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

(a) to (d) There are 15 Regional Offices (Civil), 5 Regional Offices (Mechanical) and 2 Engineering Liaison Offices of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways located in different States to look after the development and maintenance of National Highways entrusted to the National Highways Authority of India, Border Roads Organization and respective State PWDs,

(e) National Highways Projects are designed keeping in view the safety standards including measures to enhance the safety aspect. Specifications of signages, barricades, delineators during day and night, etc. besides those of personal protection equipment (reflective jackets, helmets, gloves, gumboots, etc.) first-aid equipment and amenities, etc. are prescribed in the contracts. Further, the State Governments have been requested in a meeting taken by Hon'ble Minister of RT&H held on 5.2.2010 with State PWD Ministers to support and extend cooperation in ensuring time bound implementation of various National Highway Projects by removing bottlenecks for ongoing projects, pre-construction activities like Land Acquisition, shifting of utilities, etc. and resolve pending issues by setting up high level coordination committees under Chief Secretaries. The projects are also monitored at various levels to ensure timely completion of projects.