

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

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TARGET FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has revised/lowered the target fixed for construction of 20 Kms. of National Highways per day to 10 Kms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the March 2010 deadline fixed for awarding 124 road projects has also been extended; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir. In year 2009-10 against a target of 3165 km NHAI has completed construction of 2693 km i.e. 7.4 km per day. The rate of construction is to be progressively increased to reach the rate of 20 km per day. Since highway projects have a gestation period of 4 to 5 years from inception, the rate of completion of construction will increase only progressively.

(c) & (d) Out of 122 projects of length 11,618 km targeted for award in 2009-2010 under Work Plan- I, 35 projects of length 3,025 km have been awarded. Remaining projects which could not be awarded due to inadequate response from bidders are under various stages of process for award during 2010-2011.