

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4039  
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TENDERS UNDER NHAI  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether several tenders floated by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) have not elicited response from qualified bidders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, project-wise;
- (c) whether Government has analysed the reasons for the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for early completion of the pending projects and materialisation of tenders under NHAI?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Details are enclosed as Annex.

(c) The award of projects were affected mainly due to the prevailing economic slow down and consequent inability of developers to raise necessary finance for the projects.

(d) In order to further encourage the bidding for National Highways Development Project (NHDP) projects, the Government on the recommendations of Shri B K Chaturvedi Committee fine tuned the bidding process and documentation as well as the appraisal and approval mechanism so as to expedite the award of work. In order to expedite implementation of projects several other steps have been taken such as setting up of NHAI regional offices, creating Special Land Acquisition Units (SLAUs), monitoring of pre-construction activities by a Committee headed by Chief Secretaries of States, etc.