

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:356
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2010
DELAY IN COMPLETION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several National Highway projects completed during the last three years have experienced delay and cost overruns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the period of delay and the extent of cost overruns, project-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the estimated original cost of Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway and the actual cost incurred on its completion; and
- (d) the extent to which the cost is expected to be recovered through toll collection?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (d): Replies to parts (a) to (d) are laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.356 FOR ANSWER ON 20-04-2010 ASKED BY SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV AND DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI REGARDING DELAY IN COMPLETION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Some projects completed during the last three years suffered delays. As regards cost overrun, the Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) contracts provide for variation and payment of escalation including escalation on extended completion period, where extension of time is granted due to delays not attributable to the contractors. Details regarding project-wise and year-wise delays are enclosed as Annex.

(c) & (d): The total project cost of Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway as per the Concession Agreement is Rs. 710.25 crore including the change of scope of Rs. 155.25 crore. However, the audited cost as per the concessionaire's balance sheet as on 31-03-2009 is Rs.1205.46 crore. Concession has been granted for a period of 20 years starting from the appointed date as 12-01-2003.