

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

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REVIEW OF NHDP
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the progress of NHDP and key issues plaguing the pace of road projects recently; and
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Review of projects under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) is an ongoing process and such reviews are conducted on regular basis at the project sites and Regional Offices as well as Headquarter of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Projects have been delayed mainly due to problems associated with land acquisition, shifting of utilities, obtaining environment and forest clearance, approval for Road Over Bridges, poor performance of some contractors due to cash flow constraints and other reasons and law & order problems in some states. Award of projects in 2008-09 were also affected due to inability of developers to raise finance for the project as well as procedural impediments in the award process. The Government appointed a Committee under Shri B. K. Chaturvedi to look into various aspects of implementation of NHDP. The Committee made certain recommendations regarding financing for NHDP, changes required in bid documents and procedural issues, etc. The Government has accepted these recommendations.