

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

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COST OVERRUNS IN NH PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several National Highway Projects have incurred time and cost overruns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and project-wise; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government to expedite such projects?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam, 543 numbers of National Highway (NH) projects have incurred time and cost overruns during the last three years and the current year, the State-wise and project-wise details are annexed.

(c) The corrective measures taken for expeditious implementation of the National Highway projects include regular monitoring at various levels, appointment of nodal officer in each State for coordinating land acquisition, shifting of utilities and obtaining various clearances, simplification of process of issue of notification for land acquisition, appointment of an officer of Railways in National Highway Authority of India to coordinate with Railways, grant of advances to the Contractors and punitive action against non-performing Contractors.