

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1556  
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REVISION OF TARGETS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NHS  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government/NHAI has fixed any targets for the construction of National Highways and roads in the country during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the progress achieved so far;
- (c) whether the target has been reduced;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to achieve the target and expedite the construction of National Highways and roads in the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The target fixed by the Government/NHAI for construction of National Highways is 4770 km during the current financial year. The construction has been completed for 684 km upto May, 2010.
- (c): No Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): In order to achieve the target and expedite implementation of projects, regional offices have been set up by NHAI headed by Chief General Managers. Powers have been delegated to the Chief General Managers who will monitor land acquisition matters as well as implementation of projects. Special land acquisition units are also set up to expedite land acquisition. State Governments have been requested to appoint Chief Secretaries as Nodal officers to expedite NHDP projects by removing bottlenecks if any. Projects are also closely and periodically reviewed at Head Quarter as well as field units.