

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1588  
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UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR ROAD DEVELOPMENT  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether only 40% of the funds allocated for the year 2009-10 regarding development of highways have been utilised;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Planning Commission has made any observations/ suggestions in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure optimum utilisation of the budgetary allocation and accelerate the pace of National Highway development in the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b): The total allocation for the Central Sector Roads at Budget Estimate (B.E.) stage during 2009-10 was Rs. 20,198 crore. This was reduced at Revised Estimate (RE) stage during 2009-10 to Rs. 18,632.75 crore. As against this the total expenditure incurred /release made during 2009-10 was Rs. 14,844.34 crore, which is about 80 % of its total budgetary R.E. allocation.
- (c) and (d): Do not arise.
- (e): The National Highway (NH) projects are periodically monitored at various levels and necessary corrective actions are taken up from time to time, wherever required, so as to enable effective utilization of funds and time bound implementation of the projects.