

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3277
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EXPRESS HIGHWAY BETWEEN BARODA TO MUMBAI
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

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

- (a) whether the Union Government had announced in the 2006-2007 budget to construct express highway with Design, Build, Finance, Operate (DBFO) system between Baroda to Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for early implementation of the said project?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Government decided in 2006-2007 budget to develop 1000 kms of access-control expressways on new alignment on Build, Operate & Transfer basis following Design Build Finance & Operate pattern under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-VI. The cabinet has approved this proposal at an estimated cost of Rs.16,680 crore. The alignment of Baroda - Mumbai Expressway has been finalized on the basis of satellite Imageries. The consultant has started the work of feasibility study in February, 2009 which is likely to be completed within a period of one year.

(c) In order to expedite the implementation, progress of work is closely monitored by field officers of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Supervision Consultant. Meetings are held on regular periodic basis at site as well as NHAI (HQs). Meetings are also held with State Government officials to facilitate measures to remove impediments to work.