

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:1  
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CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government/National Highways Authority of India have been able to achieve the target of constructing 20 kilometres of National Highways (NHs) per day;
- (b) if so, the details of the targets set and achievements made during each of the last three years and the current year, State and NH-wise;
- (c) whether there have been slippages in achieving the said targets;
- (d) if so, the reasons for such shortfall; and
- (e) the details of the measures being taken to achieve the said target?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) The target achieved on an average from June, 2009 to September, 2010 is 12.01 km per day. In order to meet the target of constructing 20 km of Highways per day, it is essential that at any given point of time approximately 20,000 km of works are under way. Presently, National Highways development works are under implementation in a length of around 14,500 km. It is further targeted to award additional works in a length of around 10,000 km before end of 2010-2011.

(b) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 1 FOR ANSWER ON 9TH NOVEMBER, 2010 ASKED BY SHRI YASHWANT SINHA AND SHRI BHOOPENDRA SINGH REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

(b) The target of 20 km/day was set in June, 2009. This was an overall target. No State-wise or national highway-wise target had been set.

(c) to (e) Shortfall in achieving the targets are due to problems in land acquisition, shifting of utilities, environment and forest clearance, approval for Road Over Bridges as well as shortage of skilled / semi-skilled manpower and economic slowdown, as well as lesser number of projects having been awarded in the earlier years. In order to revamp National Highways Development Projects and to expedite award of projects, the Government implemented the recommendations of B.K. Chaturvedi Committee report, wherein a number of measures were suggested relating to changes in bidding process, documentation, mode of delivery, etc. These measures are expected to generate increased investor interest. In order to expedite implementation of projects, regional offices have been set up by NHAH headed by Chief General Manager. Powers have been delegated to the Chief General Managers who will expedite forest / environment clearances and 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.