

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

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

- (a) whether the performance of the road sector has shown a downward trend due to a number of factors including lack of highway engineers, qualified consultants etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken in this regard;
- (c) the number of technical/nontechnical consultants engaged in the NHAI and the nature of consultancy provided by the non-technical consultants;
- (d) whether the highway developers are showing less interest in road projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Do not arise.
- (c) Apart from technical consultancy firms engaged in project related work, three technical consultants and eight non-technical consultants are presently engaged by NHAI. The non-technical consultants are providing consultancy in the matters related to legislative, administrative, financial, internal audit and horticulture etc.
- (d) & (e) No, Sir. NHDP projects continue to attract large number of applicants seeking pre-qualification.