

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

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DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION OF NHS

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

- (a) whether the construction work on most of the National Highways is running behind the schedule;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has tried to ascertain the reasons behind it;
- (c) the details of the steps taken including action taken for such delays against the Chairman, High Powered Committees by the Union Government to remove these causes; and
- (d) the extent of success achieved in the expeditious completion/construction of such National Highways, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The construction work on some of the National Highways (NHs) is running behind the schedule. The delays have occurred due to various reasons such as delay in land acquisition, shifting of utilities, obtaining environment / forest clearances, railway approvals, poor performance of some of the contractors and law & order problems in some States.

(c) & (d) The steps taken by the Union Government to remove these causes include setting up of Regional Offices by National Highways Authority of India (NHA) 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 have also been set up to expedite land acquisition. The State Governments have been requested to appoint Chief Secretaries as Nodal Officers to expedite National Highways Development Projects (NHDP) by removing bottlenecks, if any. Projects are also closely and periodically reviewed at the Headquarters as well as the field units. By adopting the above measures, delay in completion of projects has been reduced considerably.