

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:116  
ANSWERED ON:16.11.2010  
FDI IN NH PROJECTS  
Reddy Shri Magunta Srinivasulu

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the National Highway construction projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps for facilitating the flow of FDI in such projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the projects likely to be taken up with such investments, NH-wise and State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the targets fixed for such investments and the length of National Highways proposed to be constructed thereon, NH-wise and State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.116 FOR ANSWER ON 16-11-2010 ASKED BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY REGARDING 'FDI IN NH PROJECTS'

(a) to (b): Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the need for speedy development of highways, Government has invited private participation including foreign investment in the road sector. Delegations of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways have also conducted road shows to explain Government policy and guidelines to foreign investors.

(c) to (e): Various policy measures have been initiated to invite Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the Infrastructure Sector. These include allowing 100% foreign direct investment for highways development through the automatic route, uniform national tolling policy, model concession agreement for highways development and encouragement to private participation using the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) model. Highways projects are being taken up across the entire country and more than 15,000 km of national highways are yet to be awarded. Although several foreign companies have successfully participated in the award process for developing highways, yet no State-wise or National Highways-wise target for foreign investment have been fixed.