

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:186
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2010
WIDENING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
Singh Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad

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

- (a) whether the Government/NHAI has taken up the widening of various National Highways (NHs) in the country including Bihar under the National Highway Development Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the targets fixed and achieved in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, NH-wise and State-wise;
- (d) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised during the said period, NH-wise and State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the constraints faced in implementing such projects and the steps taken to achieve the targets envisaged thereon?

Answer

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (e): Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.186 FOR ANSWER ON 23-11-2010 ASKED BY DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH REGARDING WIDENING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): State-wise details of National Highways length under implementation are enclosed as Annex-I.

(c): State-wise and National Highway-wise targets are not set. Details of target set for completion under all the phases of National Highway Development Programme and actual construction completed by NHAI during the last three years and current year is as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Target, km	Achievement, km
1	2007-08	2885	1682
2	2008-09	3519	2205
3	2009-10	3165	2693
4	2010-11 (Up to October, 2010)	2500	859

(d): There is no National Highway wise or state wise allocation of funds. Expenditure on projects is made from the overall allocation of funds. State wise expenditure incurred during the last three years and current year is enclosed as Annex-II.

(e): Constraints in implementation include problems in land acquisition, shifting of utilities, environment & forest clearance, approval for rail over bridges, as well as shortage of skilled/ semi-skilled man power and economic slowdown. In order to revamp National Highway Development Project 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 NHAI 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 HQ as well as field units.