

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

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PROJECTS RUNNING BEHIND SCHEDULE  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of progress of works undertaken by the National Highways Authority of India in South India including in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether it is a fact that many road projects undertaken by the National Highways Authority of India in southern India and more particularly in Tamil Nadu are running well behind schedule resulting in cost escalation;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government to complete these project without further cost escalation?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Details of the projects under implementation by National Highways Authority of India in the States of Southern India including Tamil Nadu are enclosed as Annexure-I There have been delays affecting progress of some projects mainly due to poor performance of some contractors, delays in land acquisition and utility shifting etc.

Escalations due to delay are paid as per contract provision. Escalation is a contractually enabled provision which permits NHA to limit its payment to material actually consumed, at prevailing prices when the material was consumed. In case the project is delayed due to reasons attributable to the contractor, liquated damages are imposed and no escalation is paid.

(d): The project delayed due to consistent poor performance of contractor were terminated and later re-awarded. Chief Secretaries of State have been nominated as nodal officers for National Highways Developments Projects (NHDP). NHA has also set up Regional Offices at Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore to closely monitor implementation of project. Projects are periodically reviewed at field and at Head Quarters.