GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1305 ANSWERED ON:16.11.2010 EXPENDITURE ON ROAD PROJECTS Sinha Shri Yashwant

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

- (a) whether a large number of mega and major projects involving an expenditure of Rs. 150 crore and above have been pending in the ministry well beyond their due date of completion;
- (b) if so, the names of these schemes, their original cost estimate, the revised cost estimate and the time over-run involved; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the early completion of these projects?

Answer

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

- (a) & b): 113 projects each costing more than Rs. 150 crore are running behind schedule. Details of the projects are enclosed as Annex.
- (c): In order to expedite implementation of projects, 12 Regional Offices headed by Chief General Managers have been set up by NHAI for close monitoring of projects. Six zonal offices headed by Executive Directors have also been created for coordination with State Governments on pre-construction activities. Two zonal offices have started functioning at Bhopal and Bangalore respectively. Projects are periodically reviewed at field and at the Head Quarter.