

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2284
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AGREEMENT WITH FINLAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Finland have agreed to cooperate in the construction of roads and highways;
- (b) if so, the details of Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the two countries;
- (c) whether any Joint Working Group has been established to study the various aspects of cooperation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner by which India could benefit from the Finland which has established systems in vehicle inspection, certification, accident investigation, etc.?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): A Memorandum of Cooperation has been signed between India and Finland in the field of Road Transport, with intent to promote scientific and technological cooperation and collaboration in the field of Road Transport.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise in view of (c) above
- (e): Finland is among the World's leading countries in Road Safety Standards. As such the cooperation with Finland is quite useful and would benefit Ministry's technical officers in enhancing their technical and managerial skills in handling mega highway construction / maintenance and management projects.