GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS BY PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES
Singh Shri Bhola

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted any study to identify the reasons behind the sluggish progress of National Highways constructed under Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the country;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Union Government for timely completion of National Highways and Expressways?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) In order to expedite implementation of projects, Regional Offices headed by Chief General Managers have been set up by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for close monitoring of implementation of projects. Six zonal offices headed by an Executive Director have also been created for coordination with State Governments on pre construction activities, such as land acquisition, relocation of utility services, forest & environment clearances and settlement of social & rehabilitation issues. Two zonal offices have started functioning at Bhopal and Bangalore. Special Land Acquisition Units (SLAUs) have been set up for expediting land acquisition for National Highways Development Project (NHDP) projects. Projects are periodically reviewed at field and at the HQs.