

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

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHWAY SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to seek World Bank assistance for development of highways, strengthening the National Institute for Training of Highway Engineers and to make it an Asian hub and a centre of excellence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the World Bank in this regard;
- (c) the details of issues/projects for which representatives of World Bank agreed for cooperation;
- (d) whether any discussion has been held with Singapore in the recent past on cooperation in the Highway sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. The Government proposes to seek World Bank assistance for development of about 3770 km of various National Highways to 2 lane / 2 lane with paved shoulders. The World Bank has agreed in principle to provide a loan of US \$ 2.96 billion in three tranches for this project. The detail of projects for which World Bank has agreed in principle is Annexed. Regarding assistance for strengthening the training facilities at National Institute for Training of Highway Engineers (NITHE) through World Bank assistance, only preliminary discussion has been held with the World Bank.

(d) & (e) Yes, Madam. An Indian delegation headed by the Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways held investors meet/Road show in Singapore to attract foreign investment in Highway sector.