

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4483
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FINANCING PLAN FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Rs. 8,12,661 crore financing plan had been referred to Chaturvedi Committee for its revision under the directions of the Empowered Group of Ministers on roads;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Planning Commission has also raised concerns over feasibility of the said financing plan for National highway construction targets; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the steps taken to address such concerns?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) A Committee headed by Shri B K Chaturvedi, Member, Planning Commission was constituted for evolving a strategy for the expeditious implementation of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP). The Recommendations of the Committee have been accepted by the Government with the proviso that an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) shall consider the Financing Plan for 2010-11 onwards for the National Highways Development Project (NHDP), including such changes to the work plans that may become necessary. The details of the estimates on the expenditure and sources of funds are annexed at Annexure. Planning Commission supports speedy construction of Highways as per the agreed target for the year 2010-11 and regards investment in road construction as one of the critical sectors for achieving inclusive growth.