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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has stressed on the need for private participation in the infrastructure sector;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are unfinished agenda in the infrastructure development; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is actively pursuing Public Private Partnerships to bridge the infrastructure deficit in the country and also bring in the private sector expertise and efficiencies in operation and maintenance, leading to increase in quality of public services delivered.

(c) and (d) The infrastructure agenda is in accordance with the targets set by the Five Year Plans. As per mid-term Appraisal of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) by Planning Commission, during the first three years (2007-08 to 2009-2010), the investment in infrastructure, including investment in oil pipelines, was Rs.10,65,828 crore which is 7.1 per cent of GDP and 109 per cent of the targeted expenditure of Rs.9,81,119 crore (6.6 per cent of GDP) for the said period.