

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

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PROBE INTO NHAI PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a social worker recently demanded probe regarding the projects being run by NHAI;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether quality transparency and time schedule is not complied with as a result projects get delayed;
- (d) if so, the detail thereof;
- (e) whether the work is delayed due to modifications in the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by the consultant and non-inclusion of the demands of locals;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) whether the Government proposes to examine all points by a high level technical commission if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) No Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) All NHDP projects are constructed as per Ministry's specifications and Indian Road Congress (IRC) guidelines. The quality is ensured through regular monitoring of the projects by supervision/independent consultant. Transparency is ensured through fully transparent international competitive bidding. However, projects get delayed mainly due to various reasons like poor performance of contractors, delay in obtaining forest/wild life clearances, delay in land acquisition/utility shifting, law & order problems in some States etc.

(e) & (f) No Madam. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) are prepared by design consultants as per IRC guidelines/ Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRT&H) specifications as well as taking into cognizance of the demands/views raised by the local public. The project reports prepared by the consultants are also reviewed by the peer review experts.

(g) No Madam.