

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

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AWARD OF PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared a blue print to award 100 projects under National Highways Authority of India (NHA) in 2011-12;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details of highway projects awarded by National Highways Authority of India during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the details of maintenance/repairing work of highways awarded to private agencies alongwith the terms and conditions laid down by the Government in this regard;
- (e) the number of projects that have yielded a premium to NHA; and
- (f) whether yielding of premium is due to huge private investment in Highway projects?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) No, Madam. However, National Highways Authority of India (NHA) has targeted award of 60 projects in 2011-12, details of which, including the State of Andhra Pradesh, are placed at Annexure-I.
- (c) Details of highway projects awarded by NHA during the last three years and the current year are enclosed as Annexure II.
- (d) 3634 Km of National Highways are being maintained through 35 Operation and Maintenance (O&M) contracts and 538 Km are being maintained through 3 Concessionaires on Operate, Maintain and Transfer (OMT) basis. Under O&M Contracts, the contractor carries out preventive and/or post damage repairs on item rate basis and the work is supervised by NHA. The OMT Concessionaire is responsible for collection of toll and maintenance of the stretch of the highway to the desired level in accordance with minimum performance standards as per Concession Agreement. These stretches are supervised by NHA through Independent Engineer. Both the methods of maintenance include component of Incident Management also.
- (e) & (f) 53 projects awarded so far have yielded a premium/negative grant due to perceived attractiveness of the projects and interplay of market forces.