

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF NHS

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

- (a) the total number of National Highways (NHs) in the country, State-wise / Union-Territory-wise;
- (b) the number of NHs being constructed / developed / improved and pending for construction in the country alongwith the projects sanctioned and length completed during each of the last three years, State-wise / UT-wise;
- (c) the details of funds released by the Government for construction / development of NHs and various stretches during the same period; State-wise / UT-wise;
- (d) whether the construction of NHs has dipped to dismal levels in the past few years;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the number of delayed highways projects during the same period, State-wise / UT-wise alongwith the steps taken by the Government to accelerate completion of highways?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The State-wise / Union Territory-wise details of number of National Highways (NHs) in the country are at Annexure-I.
- (b) The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and the works on NHs are accordingly taken up from time to time based on the traffic density, inter-se priority and availability of funds. The State / Union Territory-wise number of on-going NH projects in the country for development of NHs and details of NH length completed are at Annexure-II & III respectively.
- (c) The State / Union Territory-wise details of funds allocated and spent for construction / development of NHs during the last three years are at Annexure-IV. Funds for the construction / development of NHs are not released stretch-wise.
- (d) & (e) The targeted and completed length since 2009-10 is as under:

(Length in kms)				
NHDP		Non- NHDP		
Year	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
2009-10	3165.00	2693.00	2458.50	2315.19
2010-11	2500.00	1780.00	2467.93	2156.74
2011-12	2500.00	685.57#	2254.00	653.65#

# Up to September, 2011 # Tentative.

Length completed depends on quantum of work available for completion. National Highways Authority of India (NHA) awarded only 1234 kms in 2007-08 and 643 kms in 2008-09. This comparatively lower quantum of award in previous years resulted in lesser length available for completion and lower targets / completion rates in subsequent years.

As on 01-04-2011, works were in progress for about 15,600 km length under National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Special Programme for development of roads in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas and Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh package. It is being targeted to award works in a total length of about 11,050 km and complete works in about 3,570 km under these programmes during the current year. It is being targeted to have works in progress in about 23,080 km length as on 01-04-2012. With this, the pace of construction is expected to increase.

- (f) The State-wise and UT-wise details of number of delayed on-going NH projects in the country for development of NHs are at

Annexure-V. The delays have occurred due to various reasons such as delay in land acquisition, shifting of utilities, obtaining environment, forest clearances and railway approvals, poor performance of contractors and law & order problems in some States. The steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to minimize the delays in completion of all its projects include setting up of Regional Offices by NHAI headed by Chief General Managers with adequate delegation of powers, setting up of special land acquisition units, setting up of High Powered Committees under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretaries of State Governments to resolve the bottlenecks relating to shifting of utilities, land acquisition issues, etc. Further, the delayed projects are closely monitored and periodically reviewed at the Headquarter as well as the field units for expeditious completion.