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EXPENDITURE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to spend around one trillion outlay on development of infrastructure in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the rock-solid guarantees of transparency and accountability that are proposed to be worked out for the above gigantic task; and
- (d) the action plan to put in place a system that can guard against colossal losses that retard the progress of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): A preliminary assessment done by the Planning Commission in the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Eleventh Five Year Plan suggests that investment in infrastructure during the Twelfth Plan (2012-17) would need to be of the order of about Rs.40,99,240 crore (US \$ 1 trillion). At least 50 per cent of this investment would have to come from the private sector.

(c) & (d): The following actions have been taken to ensure transparency and accountability:

(i) Standardising Bid Documents: The Ministry of Finance has notified Request for Proposal (RFP) and Request for Qualification (RFP) documents to ensure transparent selection process of developers.

(ii) Standardising Concession Agreements: Model Concession Agreements in National Highways, State Highways, Urban Rail Transit System, Non-metro Airports, Greenfield Airports, Port Terminals, Operation of Container Trains, Redevelopment of Railway Stations, Procurement-cum-Maintenance Agreement for Locomotives, Transmission of Electricity have been prepared.

(iii) Manual of Specifications and Standards for 2-lane and 4-lane highways have been prescribed.

(iv) Regulatory Commissions have been constituted in electricity, telecom, airports and ports sectors to provide a level playing field to consumers, developers and Government.