GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:329
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EXPRESSWAY BETWEEN DELHI AND MEERUT
Agarwal Shri Rajendra

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

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) proposes to construct Expressway between Delhi and Meerut as a part of the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP)-VI;

(b) if so, the present status of the same;

(c) whether there has been some delay in construction of the Expressway;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of estimated amount earmarked for the construction of the Expressway and expected time frame for completion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI R. P. N. SINGH)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government (Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs) approved the proposal for construction of 1000 Kilometres of expressways under NHDP Phase-VI at an estimated cost of Rs. 16680 crore, in which the project of Delhi - Meerut expressway is also proposed for construction. The alignment of Delhi-Meerut Expressway has been finalized on the basis of satellite imageries. The feasibility study is in progress from April, 2009 and is targeted for completion within a period of six months. Detailed land plan schedules along the alignment will then be prepared and the process of land acquisition will be initiated, which may take about two years. The bidding process may be initiated approximately one year before the expected completion date of land acquisition so that award of concession and financial close (six months after the award) of the project as well as acquisition of the entire land are accomplished simultaneously.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The project is to be executed on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) mode following a Design, Build, Finance & Operate (DBFO) pattern with maximum of 40% viability gap funding.The project is likely to be completed by the end of December,2014.