

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

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) the State-wise details of NHs constructed so far in the country alongwith the targets fixed for construction of National Highways (in kms.) including Rajasthan during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the State-wise details of the proposals received in this regard from various State Governments particularly Rajasthan during the same period alongwith the amount sanctioned / released / allocated for the purpose;
- (c) the details of the proposals approved particularly under Public Private Partnership (PPP) alongwith the progress made with regard to construction of NHs and details of the specific concessions, if any, sought by the Ministry in this regard;
- (d) the State-wise details of NHs projects that have incurred time and cost overruns especially in Maharashtra alongwith the reasons therefor including the details of cost escalation of each project in Maharashtra;
- (e) the corrective measures taken / proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard and the time by which all the pending and delayed projects are likely to be cleared and completed; and
- (f) the details of the report submitted by National Highways Authority of India to the Government regarding slow progress of implementation of highway projects and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a) State-wise details of National Highways (NHs) length constructed in the country including those in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years and current year are at Annexure-I. The targets for construction of NHs are fixed scheme-wise and not State-wise.
- (b) State-wise details of proposals received from various State Governments for construction of NHs and approved including those in the State of Rajasthan, during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-II. State-wise details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred for construction / development of NHs during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-III.
- (c) The details of the NH projects taken up under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode of delivery during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-IV. No specific concessions have been sought by the Ministry in this regard.
- (d) to (f) State-wise details of NH projects which are under implementation and delayed including those in the State of Maharashtra are at Annexure-V. Actual cost escalation on these projects can be ascertained only after completion of these projects. 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 NHA 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.

These projects are at various stages of completion and hence, it is too early to ascertain their actual date of completion.