

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

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

- (a) whether the progress of work regarding modernisation of the roads in the country under the Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana has slowed down;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has chalked out any plan to give impetus to the work relating to the modernisation of roads; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There is no programme at present named as 'Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana'. However, modernization of National Highways in the country under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) is under implementation. There has been some slow down in process of award of projects as the projects did not attract bidders due to lack of viability and inability of the developers to raise necessary finance on account of prevailing economic downturn.

(c) & (d) Concerted efforts are being made for finalizing the work plan for award of projects on the basis of viability and inter-se priority. It is planned to complete four-laning of about 3165 km of National Highways and award of projects for a length of 9800 km during 2009-2010.