

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

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PER DAY CONSTRUCTION TARGET
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set a target for construction of 20 kms. of roads per day;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and NH-wise in the country during each of the last three years;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the total road length constructed so far alongwith the mode of construction including Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and the expenditure incurred thereon?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The length completed depends on quantum of work available for completion. Under the National Highways Development Programme (NHDP), National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) awarded only 5237 km in 2007-08 to 2009-10. This comparatively lower quantum of award in previous years resulted in lesser length available for completion and lower targets/ completion rates in subsequent years. The award of projects has since been accelerated and 5059 km were awarded in 2010-11. With the increase in pace of award, length available for completion and actual completed length is expected to increase.

The steps taken by the Government to remove the bottlenecks and accelerate the progress of construction of National Highway (NH) projects include setting up of Regional Offices by National Highways Authority of India (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.

(d) The details of NH length constructed and the expenditure incurred thereon including those constructed under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode during each of the last three years are at Annexure-I & II respectively.