

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

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AVAILABILITY OF SKILLED AND UNSKILLED LABOURERS IN ROAD SECTOR

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

- (a) whether any assessment has been made with regard to availability of skilled / unskilled labourers in the country especially in the field of road development in view of present scenario;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has considered the matter of capacity building in road development; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)& (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the country. This Ministry has not made any assessment with regard to availability of skilled /unskilled labourers in the field of road development in the country.

(c)&(d) For capacity building in development of road sector steps taken include involvement of external aids from World Bank, Asian Development Bank etc, encouraging private sector participation by allowing tax exemption, streamlining and standardisation of procedures and documents, duty-free import of road-building equipments & machineries, technology transfer, institutional restructuring and orientation, imparting financial support to bridge the viability gap of Public Private Partnership projects.