

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

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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION  
Sule Supriya

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to reduce private sector participation in the construction of highways across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of highway projects which are being constructed with 100 per cent Government funding, Statewise; and
- (d) the details of Annual budget allocation for highways construction in the country and utilisation thereof during the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) There is no proposal to reduce private sector participation in the construction of highways across the country. With a view to leverage the efficiency and effectiveness of the private enterprises in the backdrop of scarcity of budgetary resources to implement various phases of National Highways Development Projects (NHDP), the strategy of the Government relies significantly on promoting investment through a combination of various modes of delivery under public private participation (PPP). Government encourages the use of private investment in public projects of National Highways for harnessing efficiency, technological advancement and better maintenance of the public assets during its lifecycle on consistent basis and lots of policy initiatives have also been taken to support such private investment through fair competition in transparent manner. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has adopted Build-Operate-Transfer [BOT] (Toll) mode of delivery under public private partnership (PPP) as the preferred mode for development of highway projects.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.