

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

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INVESTMENT BY NRIS IN ROAD PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to issue global bonds that would enable Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to invest in road projects in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its present status;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Finance has given its consent to the proposal;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the investment of 50 billion dollars is required to achieve the target of building 7,000 kms of roads every year;
- (f) if so, the sources from where these investments will be mobilised; and (g) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) to (g) Shri BK Chaturvedi Committee, in its report titled as "Revised Strategy for the implementation of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP)-Framework and Financing", in October, 2009, has estimated that an expenditure of approximately Rs. 6,24,000 Crores would have to be incurred for the completion of NHDP, including the cost of servicing debt obtained to bridge the resources and servicing thereof till 2030-31. This expenditure is expected to be met through the cess funds, premium or negative grants, budgetary support, toll revenues received and market borrowing of Rs.10,000 Crores raised through tax-free bonds by NHAI. NHAI would also make borrowings depending upon its fund position, from the Indian debt market. The report of Shri BK Chaturvedi Committee has already been accepted by the Government with the proviso that the financing plan for 2010-11 onward would be considered by the Empowered Group of Ministers

(EGoM) for further action, including such changes to the Work Plan as may become necessary. Accordingly EGoM has approved the financing plan for the financial years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.