

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF EXPRESSWAYS

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

- (a) the details of the policy for construction/development of expressways in the country;
- (b) whether more than 17.000 kms long expressway is required to be constructed in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of targets fixed for construction of expressways and achievements made in this regard during each of the last three years;
- (d) the details of delayed expressway projects, if any, alongwith the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to ensure timely completion of these projects;
- (e) whether the Government has also approved construction of a New Delhi-Jaipur Expressway; and
- (f) if so, the details and present status thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase VI, construction of 1,000km of expressway have been approved by the Government. Main criterion for selection of expressway corridors has been the volume of the traffic on the corridors.
- (c) & (d) Vadodara-Mumbai Corridor (400 km) being the highest density corridor has been given priority. Other identified stretches include Delhi-Chandigarh (249km) on NH-1 & NH-22, Bangalore-Chennai (334km) on NH-4, Delhi-Jaipur (261km) on NH-8, Delhi-Meerut (66km) on NH-58, Kolkata-Dhanbad (277km) on NH-2, and Delhi-Agra (200km) on NH-2, out of which remaining 600 is km to be undertaken based on outcome of pre-feasibility studies. Originally, it was targeted to award concession by 2009-10. Delays have been mainly on account of issues pertaining to consultations with State Governments regarding finalisation of alignment, as a result final feasibility reports were delayed.
- (e)&(f) Delhi-Jaipur expressway is also part of pre-feasibility studies. Presently work relating to fixing the alignment of the expressway is going on.