

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

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HIGHWAY ENGINEERS
Premdas Shri

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

- (a) the total number of trained highway engineers in the country;
- (b) whether the present strength of highway engineers is sufficient for timely completion of projects;
- (c) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open more technical institutions to train engineers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) There is a shortage of trained highway engineers in the highway profession including contracting and consulting industry. The Government has set up the Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) [formerly known as National Institute for Training of the Highway Engineers (NITHE)], Noida, which imparts trainings to fresh as well as in-service highway engineers of the country. IAHE has been conducting training programmes for such engineers including engineers from other developing countries. There are also other Training Institutes in the public and private sector imparting training to highway engineers. Highway Engineers are also deputed for training abroad under various International Co- operation Schemes for latest technical know-how in this Sector.

(d) and (e) This Ministry has no proposal for opening any technical institutions to train engineers.