

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:58

ANSWERED ON:13.08.2012

CONTRACTS FOR ROAD PROJECTS

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

- (a) the details of the road projects awarded and those pending during the current financial year;
- (b) whether several projects for which tenders were floated did not receive even a single bidder;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to achieve the targets for construction of National Highways in different parts of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. C. P. JOSHI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.58 ANSWERED ON 13.08.2012 ASKED BY SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL AND DR. P. VENUGOPAL REGARDING 'CONTRACTS FOR ROAD PROJECTS'

(a) The Government has fixed a target for award of 9500 kilometers (kms) of National Highways for upgradation under different phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and other schemes of the Government. As on date, projects covering length of 560.4 kms have been awarded and its details are placed at Annexure-I. National Highways of 8939.6 kms are yet to be awarded and its details are placed at Annexure-II.

(b) and (c) No bids were received in respect of 5 projects covering length of 705.74 km by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and its details are placed at Annexure-III. NHAI has reinvited the bids in respect of all such projects.

(d) Government has taken a number of steps to ensure that targets are achieved. Regular interactions are held with the contractors, developers and financial institutions to address and resolve their concerns. Within the Government, meetings are held at the highest levels to simplify and rationalize procedures. Further, in the current year a significant proportion of the target would be public funded Engineering Procurement Contracts (EPC), which would infuse liquidity in the system.