

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR ROAD PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether as per a media report a large number of road projects in various States are awaiting environmental and forest clearance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether this matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Environment and Forests; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Some of projects for development of NHs are awaiting environmental and forest clearances. The State-wise details of pending clearances cases are annexed.

(c) and (d) This Ministry is constantly pursuing the matter with Ministry of Environment and Forests and as a result some of the projects have got cleared.