GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

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

- (a) the details of the highway projects being constructed with the assistance of World Bank;
- (b) whether the World Bank has alleged the fraud and corrupt practices on the part of the contractors of the World Bank funded highway projects to get the advances from the National Highways Authority of India;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the implications on the future of these projects;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry in the matter and on other similar complaints of the world body;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and its findings thereon alongwith the action taken by the Government against those found guilty; and
- (f) the corrective measures taken/being taken to check such malpractices in future?

Answer

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

- (a) Presently no National Highway Project is being constructed with World Bank funding.
- (b) & (c) No, Madam. However, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance have forwarded a report of the World Bank's Institutional integrity unit alleging that some company executing World Bank funded projects have committed sanctionable practices.
- (d) to (f) Ministry has constituted a committee to conduct an enquiry in the matter.