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REVIEW OF FUNCTIONS OF MAJOR PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of major projects in infrastructural sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any shortcomings have been noticed therein;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) : Yes Madam.

(b), (c) & (d): Member, Planning Commission has reviewed the progress of infrastructural sectors like power, roads, railways, ports and airports for the first quarter of the year 2012-13. The outcome of the review is as follows:

Power:

The progress in respect of capacity addition is 5,266 MW (upto July 10, 2012) against the target of 3,807 MW in the first quarter. The share of thermal and hydro sectors in the capacity addition achieved was 4,965 MW and 301 MW against the target of 3,680 MW and 127 MW respectively. As against the target of 4,551 Circuit Kilometer (CKM) transmission lines, 3,699.4 CKM transmission lines were added during the first quarter. Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), 818 villages were electrified as against the target of 1,160 villages during the first quarter.

Highways:

During the first quarter 100 km. of highways under NHDP was awarded as against the target of 1,785 km. 649.55 km. construction was completed as against the target of 774 km. during the period.

Railways:

The originating freight traffic achievement during the first quarter was 244.81 million tonnes as against the target of 246 million tonnes. The railways carried 2103.01 million passengers as against the target of 2141.49 million passengers.

In case of Metropolitan projects, against the target of Rs. 473.36 crore, only Rs. 81.09 crore has been spent till May 2012 because of delays in land acquisition and clearances from civil authorities.

In case of Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) project, 74 per cent land required for the projects has already been acquired while the remaining land would be acquired by the end of the second quarter of 2012-13. For Eastern Corridor, the plan to award 3 contracts for constructing a stretch of 12 km has been finalized. The stretch of 538 km between Sonenagar and Dankuni would be taken up on PPP BoT (Toll) mode.

The award of concession for manufacturing of rolling stock at Machowra and Madhepura is under process.

Five stations, viz. Anand Vihar, Bijwasan, Chandigarh, Habibganj and Shiwaji Nagar (Pune) have been handed over to Indian Railways Station Development Corporation which is a SPV created exclusively for redevelopment of stations. Railways envisage developing these stations on PPP mode and at least award one station during the current year.

Elevated Rail Corridor at Mumbai having a length of 60 km. would require an investment of Rs. 20,000 crore. The talks with the State Government for signing of State Support Agreement are at advanced stage. It is expected that the project would be awarded by March, 2013.

Ports:

In the port sector, no project could be awarded in the first quarter.

Civil Aviation:

The investment in Public Private Partnership (PPP) airports during the first quarter was Rs.796.85 crore as against the target of Rs.1,048.42 crore.

(e): The progress of various sectors are being reviewed and monitored on a quarterly basis so as to expedite the progress. During the last review held in July 2012, all Ministries were requested to make up for the shortfalls in the first quarter and ensure that the second quarter targets are achieved.