

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

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GREENFIELD EXPRESSWAYS

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared an ambitious plan of constructing Greenfield Expressways across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposals in this regard;
- (c) whether the technical guidelines for the construction of these corridors have been prepared;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the name of the corridors selected for construction of these expressways; and
- (e) whether the Government also proposes to set up a Corporation for execution and monitoring of this project, and if so details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (Dr. C. P. Joshi)

a) Yes, madam;

b) Government, had approved construction of 1,000 km expressways through Public Private Partnership (PPP) on Design, Build, Finance and Operate (DBFO) pattern at a total cost of Rs.16,680 crores on 02.11.2006. Vadodara – Mumbai Corridor (400 km) is to be taken up in the first instance and remaining 600 km are to be selected from the following sections based on traffic volume:

(i) Delhi – Chandigarh

(ii) Bangalore – Chennai

(iii) Delhi – Jaipur

(iv) Delhi – Meerut

(v) Kolkata – Dhanbad

(vi) Delhi – Agra

(vii) Sections with traffic exceeding 40000 PCUs

c) Yes, madam;

d) Technical guidelines have been prepared and titled as 'Guidelines for Expressways, Part-I & II' which have been published by Indian Road Congress (IRC) in the month of April, 2010. The selected corridors are as mentioned in para (b) above excluding (vi) & (vii);

e) The need for setting up an Expressway Corporation would arise if the programme is to be enlarged.