GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Public Private Partnership (PPP) initiative in infrastructure building projects under the Public Private Partnerships division of Finance ministry;
- (b) whether Kerala has been allocated a PPP initiative apart from the highways sector;
- (c) if so, the details of projects thereunder;
- (d) whether the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) pegged at present as Rs.200 crore would increased in PPP initiatives; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and sectors proposed to be included in the ambit of VGF?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) To create an enabling framework for PPPs, initiatives by Ministry of Finance include setting up of Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC)[137 projects approved -Total Project cost (TPC) Rs.144644.06 crore]; launch of Scheme for Financial Support to PPPs in Infrastructure to provide Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to PPP projects (50 projects with approved TPC of Rs.35928.10 crore) and the scheme for 'India Infrastructure Project Development Fund' (IIPDF)[29 projects approved]. To speed up the process of building up a pipeline of credible PPP projects, a panel of pre-qualified Transaction Advisers have been established. State Governments and Central Infrastructure Ministries which indicated their willingness to avail of TA programme on Mainstreaming PPPs at the State level and Central line Ministries are provided with technical assistance in the form of in-house PPP experts, MIS experts and access to legal panel of firms. www.pppinindia.com has been launched to provide information on PPP projects and policies and www.pppindiadatabase.com to provide comprehensive status of infrastructure sector PPPs. Department of Economic Affairs has identified 30 pilots projects under the Fast Track projects initiatives and the Pilot Projects initiatives.
- (b) and (c) Till date, one project from Government of Kerala has been received and granted approval under the India Infrastructure Project Development Fund.
- (d) and (e) Do not arise. VGF at present is not pegged at Rs.200 crore. The total VGF from Government of India under the Scheme for Financial Support to Public Private Partnerships in Infrastructure is upto twenty percent of the TPC.