

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

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TARGETS FOR ROAD PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to build 17,000 km. of roads over the next two years;
- (b) if so, the follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the target of awarding contracts for construction of 9,500 km. of roads during the current financial year has been met;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to award contracts for 4,000 km. of roads on 100 percent Government funding; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

- (a) & (b) No, Madam. However, lengths of 6,089 km of National Highways (NHs) are targeted to be developed / improved during the current financial year 2012-13 under NHDP & Non-NHDP schemes, out of which lengths of 2493 km have been developed/ improved up to September 2012.
- (c) & (d) No, Madam. The pace of award of projects is slow due to various constraints like poor market sentiments, shortage of equity of developers, lender's pre-condition of 80% possession of land, exposure limit of banks for infrastructure projects being reached, ban of Supreme Court on quarrying of stones & pure earth used in road construction being designated as mining material (leading to escalation in cost of construction), etc.
- (e) & (f) 32 numbers of projects in various States for the aggregate length of about 3750 km are proposed to be taken up on Engineering Procurement & Construction (EPC) mode with 100% Government funding.