

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:138
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2012
AWARD OF ROAD PROJECTS UNDER EPC MODE
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set any specific target for construction of National Highways during the years 2012-13, 2013- 14 and 2014-15;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the B.K. Chaturvedi Committee has recommended under its Waterfall Mechanism Concept under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode in place of Built, Operate and Transfer (BOT) mode and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is likely to provide its approval for the award of projects under the EPC mode; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. C.P. JOSHI)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 138 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03-12-2012 ASKED BY SHRI JOSE K. MANI AND SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA REGARDING AWARD OF ROAD PROJECTS UNDER EPC MODE.

(a) & (b) A target for construction of 3,000 km length of National Highways (NHs) under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and 1,592 km length of NHs under Non-NHDP during the financial year 2012-13 has been set. At present, no target has been fixed for construction of NHs for the years 2013-14 & 2014-15.

(c) The Government based on recommendations of B.K. Chaturvedi Committee, approved that the projects would be tried first on BOT (Toll) and in case of non-viability / poor response, the same would be shifted to BOT (Annuity) failing which, on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) mode. If the traffic is less than 5000 PCUs, the projects may directly be taken up on EPC.

(d) & (e) Ministry has decided to take up certain road development projects on EPC mode on 100% Government funding which are not viable on Built, Operated Transfer (BOT) (Toll / Annuity) mode.

32 numbers of stretches on various NHs in different States have tentatively been identified to be taken on EPC mode.