

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

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WORLD BANK FUNDED PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Indian highway projects being aided by International Financial Institutions including World Bank along with the financial assistance provided by each of these financial institutions during the last three years and the current year along with the actual amount spent therefrom on these projects, State-wise;
- (b) whether many of these International funded highway projects are running behind their schedule;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the details of time and cost escalations in these projects as a result thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to expedite the completion of these projects along with the revised time-frame fixed in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. International Financial Institutions namely, World Bank (WB), Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) have been providing financial assistance/loans for the construction and development of National Highways. No Externally Aided Project (EAP) has been awarded during last three years and current year. However, State wise details of EAP projects under implementation along with the actual amount spent on these projects are enclosed as Annex.

(b) to (d) Some projects under implementation funded by international financial institutions are running behind their schedule due to poor performance of contractors, delay in obtaining clearances from railway for Road Over bridges (ROB's), delay in land acquisition and utility shifting etc. In order to expedite implementation of projects, Regional officers of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) have been given more powers to augment progress of the projects. Regular review meetings are being held in NHAI's Head Quarter with Regional Officers, Concessionaires /Contractors to make the construction of project hassles free.