

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

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HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION STRATEGY  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to rework its highway construction strategy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total amount of subsidy provided to various NH projects during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether there is any proposal in the new policy for hundred percent funding of the projects by the Government;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the total number of projects awarded to private developers by National Highways Authority of India (NHA) during the last three years and the current year along with the premium earned by the Government?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f) In addition to taking up National Highway (NH) projects through Private Sector Participation, the Ministry has decided to take up certain road development projects, which are not viable on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) mode, on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) on 100% Government funding. So far, 32 National Highway (NH) stretches have tentatively been identified for taking up on EPC mode. A total of Rs. 14,363.20 crore in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF) has been provided by the Central Government to various concessionaires for development of NHs during the last three years and the current year. A total of 140 projects have been awarded through Private Sector Participation by National Highways Authority of India

(NHA) during the last three years and the current year. Out of these 140 projects, 55 projects have earned total annual premium of Rs. 4,186.81 crore.