

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

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SETTING UP OF AN EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had proposed to establish an expressway Authority under the 11th Five Year Plan to formulate and implement a master plan for building expressways across the country and planned to acquire land and expedite construction of expressways under National Development Project (NHDP) Phase-V;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there is any delay in the implementation of these projects, and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up a new company-National Expressways and Connectivity Corporation (NEX COR) to speed up the development of expressways in the country in view of dismal performance of Expressways projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the expressway projects to be taken by this company?

Answer

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

- a) & b) During the 11th five year plan, it was proposed to formulate a master plan for construction of expressways and then proceed with the land acquisition. It was also proposed for consideration by the Ministry for establishing an Expressway Authority of India. Under NHDP Phase-V, only six laning of four laned stretches is permitted while under NHDP Phase-VI, construction of Expressways for 1000 km length only is mandated.
- c) Major portion of the Expressways often are in the green field areas and therefore, require coordination with State Government and its agencies for finalization of alignment, for land acquisition and other associated issues.
- d) Yes, with a view to augment the plan for Expressways, Government has 'in-principle' decided to setup NEXCOR.
- e) As setting up of this entity (NEXCOR) is in planning stage, no details can be provided at this stage.