

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has awarded only 900 kms of road projects against its target of 8,300 kms for the current financial year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has made little progress to bid out only 1,300 kms of National Highways under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether certain NH projects under implementation in the country have been stalled and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to remove the hurdles in the execution of these projects as well as steps taken to sort out the other issues?

Answer

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

- (a) The Government has awarded 1010 km of National Highways (NHs) so far against the target of 8,800 km under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) during the current financial year.
- (b) Bids for 145 km have been received and bids for another 1535 km length have been invited.
- (c) In 38 projects, financial closure could not be achieved for various reasons such as delays in obtaining forest / wild life / railway clearances, law & order problems in some States, delay in land acquisition & non fulfillment of condition precedence by the concessioner.
- (d) The steps taken by the Government to minimize the delays in completion of all its projects include setting up of Regional Offices by National Highways Authority of India (NHA) headed by Chief General Managers with adequate delegation of powers, setting up of special land acquisition units, setting up of High Powered Committees under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretaries of State Governments to resolve the bottlenecks relating to shifting of utilities, land acquisition issues, etc. A meeting was held recently associating all the stakeholders including the financial institutions to sort out the hurdles. Further, the delayed projects are closely monitored and periodically reviewed at the Headquarter as well as in the field units for expeditious completion.