

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

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CURTAILMENT OF FUNDS FOR NH PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the funds earmarked for road projects during the Eleventh Five Year Plan have been completely utilized;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to curtail allocation of funds for National Highway (NH) projects in the country under the Twelfth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) During the Eleventh Five Year Plan period (2007-12) the total outlay for Central Road Sector under Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) provided to this Ministry was Rs. 79,391.18 crore and the total expenditure incurred was Rs. 74,607.36 crore (i.e. about 94% of the outlay).

The reasons for marginal underutilization of funds during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period are mainly poor performance of some contractors, delay in obtaining environmental / forest / wild life clearances from Ministry of Environment & Forest, delay in obtaining clearances for Railway Over / Under Bridges (ROBs / RUBs) from Ministry of Railways, law & order problems in some States, delay in land acquisition / utility shifting, delay in award of projects due to inadequate response from bidders, etc.

(c) and (d) As against the estimated fund requirement of Rs. 2,64,080 crore, as per the Working Group Report on Central Road Sector submitted to the Planning Commission in May, 2012, total outlay of Rs. 1,44,769 crore has been provided to this Ministry under GBS for Central Road Sector during 12th Five Year Plan period (2012-17) on account of overall resource constraints.