

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

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

- (a) whether the adverse economic conditions and heavy work load on the big contractors have resulted in fewer or even no bids for several road projects of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to take up more road projects on its own; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) As against the target for awarding works for a total length of 8,800 km during 2012-13, it has been possible to award projects for a length of 705 km upto October, 2012. Some projects have not received good response from bidders. Apart from general slowdown of economy, viability of some of the projects, sectoral lending caps of the banks, limitations of the concessionaires like availability of equity and other resources to execute the projects appear to be the main factors for poor response.

(c) and (d) 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) through 100% Government funding. So far, 32 National Highway (NH) stretches have tentatively been identified for taking up on EPC mode.