

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROJECTS IN LIMBO
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether slack in infrastructure projects is considered a major contributing factor to the slowdown in economic growth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to give an impetus to big infrastructure projects that are in limbo;
- (d) the details of projects that are awaiting execution on account of lack of funds, Ministry-wise; and
- (e) the action plan for increased and timely funding of such projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. Recognising that inadequate infrastructure is a major constraint on rapid growth, the Eleventh Plan, had emphasised the need for massive expansion in investment in infrastructure and has set an investment target of Rs. 20.56 lakh crore over the Plan period (2007-12) in various infrastructure sectors. The draft Twelfth Plan continues the thrust on accelerating the pace of investment in infrastructure and has projected an investment of about Rs. 56.32 lakh crore in infrastructure during the Plan period (2012-17).

(c) : The Government has taken following steps to accelerate the pace of infrastructure development:

Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure (CCI)

The CCI was constituted under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister on July 6, 2009. The CCI reviews and approves policies and projects across infrastructure sectors. It also considers and decides on financial, institutional and legal measures required to enhance investment in infrastructure sectors.

High Level Committee on Financing Infrastructure

In order to review the existing framework for financing infrastructure and to make recommendations in this regard, a High Level Committee on Financing Infrastructure has been constituted.

Infrastructure Debt Fund (IDF)

India's first Infrastructure Debt Fund (IDF) of US \$ 2 billion has been launched on March 5, 2012. This IDF structured as a non-banking finance company with an initial equity share of Rs. 300 crore is envisaged to expand the availability of debt to infrastructure projects. Further, a few more IDFs are also proposed to be launched soon and by the end of 2012 at least two IDF's are expected to be functional.

(d) & (e): Various Ministries formulate infrastructure projects in their respective sectors depending on the availability of resources. In addition, the private sector also develops a number of infrastructure projects.