

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

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NHAI PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the road projects taken up by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) in the State of West Bengal during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government is facing any difficulty in the NHAI's projects which are underway in the backward districts of West Bengal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has also got clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests for these projects; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the action plan of the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The details of the road projects taken up by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) in the State of West Bengal during the last three years and current year are at Annexure-A .
- (b) & (c) In all the projects of NHAI in West Bengal, difficulties are being faced in land acquisition, utility shifting and higher demand of land acquisition compensation by the land owners is being raised. For expediting the cases, Regional office has been set up by NHAI headed by Chief General Manager and powers have been delegated to him to take up environmental issues and monitor land acquisition/related Arbitration matters as well as implementation of projects. A committee for expediting these issues has been set up under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary of the State. Further regular meetings with State Government/District Administration at every level is being conducted by NHAI.
- (d) Yes , Madam .
- (e) Does not arise.