

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:464
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2013
WORLD BANK FUNDED ROAD PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the National Highway projects under implementation which are being funded by the World Bank and the present status thereof;
- (b) the details of the financial assistance provided for these projects, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh and the time-frame fixed for completion of the same;
- (c) whether the committee constituted to conduct an inquiry into the irregularities brought out by the World Bank Institutional Integrity Unit in a number of World Bank funded projects has submitted its report;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with its main findings and the action taken by the Government on the basis of the said report; and
- (e) if not, the time by which the said committee is likely to submit its report?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. C.P. JOSHI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 464 FOR ANSWER ON 29.04.2013 ASKED BY SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR AND SHRI YASHVIR SINGH REGARDING WORLD BANK FUNDED ROAD PROJECTS.

(a) & (b): There is no National Highway Project under implementation at present, funded by World Bank.

(c), (d) & (e): The report submitted by the Committee constituted by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRT&H) was forwarded to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). As informed by NHAI, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has taken over the case for verification. As per Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines once a case has been taken up by CBI for investigation, further investigation should be avoided by any other authority.