

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

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ROAD PROJECTS

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

- (a) the details of road projects awarded under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode for the current financial year and achievements thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has recently approved four road projects worth Rs. 4620 crore and if so, the details and present status thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set two distinct targets for road projects based on different scenarios for the year 2013-14 and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to cap increase in toll rates to 80 per cent for a road project that has not been completed within the stipulated time and if so, the details thereof along with the other options included in this proposal;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to revise the standards and guidelines for highway projects and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the road sector is struggling with contractual problems and if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and (g) the details of road projects / stretches that has been transferred to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for development and upgradation and the present status of these projects?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Three projects covering a length of 147 kms have been awarded under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode during the current financial year.
- (b) Yes, Madam. Four projects namely, Jabalpur - Bhopal section of NH-12, Demow - Bogibil section of NH-37, Jorhat - Demow section of NH-37 and Numaligarh - Jorhat of NH-37 have been approved as on 2nd April, 2013. Bid of Jabalpur - Bhopal section has been received, whereas, in the other three cases, no bids have been received.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Proposal in this regard is not firmed up.
- (e) The Standards & Specification and Model Concession Agreement are evolutionary in nature and are revised from time to time, based on feedback received.
- (f) No, Madam. However, as in other sectors, disputes arise in some contracts of highway works also, which are resolved as per the Dispute Resolution Mechanism specified in the contract.
- (g) The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has completed works in a length of 20,117 km and works in 12,341 km of National Highways (NHs) is under implementation.