

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HIGHWAY BUILDING TARGET

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

- (a) whether the National Highways Authority of India has reduced the target of awarding road projects for the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Finance has relaxed its norms for appraising and approving highway projects upto Rs. 500 crore by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. National Highways Authority of India (NHA) has fixed the target of awarding about 2,000 km of highway projects on Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) mode of delivery and about 2,000 km in Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) mode of delivery under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) during the current financial year.

(c) & (d) In order to address the need for simplification and rationalization of the appraisal and approval procedure, the Government has revised the delegation of powers in respect of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways to the effect that the Public funded projects [except projects being implemented under Public Private Partnership] upto the cost of Rs. 500 crore would be appraised by the Standing Finance Committee (SFC)/Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) headed by the Secretary in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways with participation of representatives of the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance, provided the cost of the project exceeds Rs. 100 crores, and the same would be approved by the Minister (Road Transport & Highways), subject to availability of necessary/requisite funds in the Annual Plan and Five Year Plan outlay.