GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:1
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2013
EXPRESSWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has envisaged development of expressways under Phase-VI of National Highways Development Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the States/corridors covered under the project;
- (c) whether the expressways constructed recently have not been able to address the issue concerning traffic congestion at toll plazas and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating any scheme for construction of these expressways of international standards; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame fixed for completion of the said expressway projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 1 ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2013 ASKED BY SHRIMATI PUTUL KUMARI AND SHRI ARVIND KUMAR CHAUDHARY REGARDING 'EXPRESSWAY PROJECTS'

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs in its meeting held on 2nd November, 2006 approved 1000 km of expressway on BOT basis under NHDP Phase VI out of the following:

Length (Km) Corridors S.No. State i) Delhi-Chandigarh Delhi, Haryana, Punjab & 249 km Chandigarh (UT). ii) Bangalore-Chennai Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh 334 km &Tamil Nadu. iii) Delhi-Jaipur Delhi, Haryana & Rajasthan. 261 km 66 km iv) Delhi-Meerut Uttar Pradesh. v) Kolkata-Dhanbad West Bengal, Dhanbad Jharkhand. 277 km vi) Delhi-Agra Delhi & Uttar Pradesh 200 km vii) Vadodra-Mumbai Gujarat &Maharashtra.

(c) No Madam. There is no traffic congestion at toll plazas of Ahmedabad-Vadodra Expressway, the only expressway constructed by the Government, so far.

(d)&(e) Yes Madam. Government has assigned the task of preparation of a suitable Manual for Expressways to Indian Roads Congress. The time frame for construction cannot be ascertained at this stage.