

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

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MOU ON ROAD PROJECTS

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

(a) whether India and Canada have signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on infrastructure Development, Operation and Maintenance of roads in the recent past;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof: and

(c) the manner in which Indian roads infrastructure is likely to improve after implementation of the said MoU?

Answer

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

(a) A Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways of the Republic of India and the Department of Transport of Canada on Cooperation in Road Transportation was signed on the 11th June, 2012.

(b) & (c) The MoU aims to establish a long-term and effective relationship of communication and cooperation, including the exchange of information between the Participants concerning highway development, management and administration; road safety; the application of advances technologies known as Intelligent Transportation System ("ITS") to road transportation; and other areas of mutual importance related to road and road transportation and raising awareness among private and public sector stakeholders on infrastructure investment opportunities in India and Canada, and facilitating collaboration and partnerships between Indian and Canadian stakeholders on infrastructure development. The MoU will benefit India for developing and promoting safe, efficient, cost effective, integrated and sustainable road transportation systems.