

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2928  
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CONSTRUCTION OF NH-19 AND NH-85  
Singh Shri Prabhunath

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

- (a) whether there is an inordinate delay in certain National Highway projects under implementation in Bihar during the last three years and the current year especially projects of NH-19 and NH-85;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any action in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) In the State of Bihar, 4 Nos. of projects on National Highway No.28(NH-28), NH-57 and NH-80 have been inordinately delayed (more than 5 year) due to problems in land acquisition, shifting of utilities, forest clearance, delay in approval from Railways and poor performance of contractors. As regards NH-19 and 85, 2 Nos. of projects viz Hajipur-Chhapra of NH-19 and Chhapra-Gopalganj of NH-85, have also been delayed due to similar problems by about one year from the scheduled date of completion.
- (c) to (d) Rigorous efforts are made to complete the ongoing projects by taking up periodical reviews with State Government Officers, concessionaires and other concerned departments to expedite preconstruction activities and the pace of work by the contractors.