

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

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

- (a) the details of the expenditure incurred on the four-laning of Nagpur-Betul stretch in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and Bewar-Pali-Pindwara stretches in Rajasthan;
- (b) whether there is cost escalation in these projects and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding irregularities in the said projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Till date, the expenditure on Nagpur-Betul and Bewar-Pali-Pindwara projects is Rs.2,247 crore and Rs.1,595 crore respectively. These projects are being implemented on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) mode, as such the question of cost escalation does not arise.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. CBI had investigated the award of the 'Nagpur-Betul contract package. It had concluded that no evidence regarding criminal conspiracy could be established in the award of work, or any wrongful gain to concessionaire or loss to NHAI in award of the said work. CBI has however recommended penalty against a few officers.

Regarding the Bewar-Pali-Pindwara project, complaints received on change in location of toll plaza, acquisition of Private land in place of Government land, change in alignment were examined and allegations were not proved.