

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:176

ANSWERED ON:01.12.2009

TARGET FOR AWARD OF HIGHWAY PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has set a target to award 135 Road/Highway Projects in the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of projects awarded by the NHAI till date;
- (c) the reasons for the slow pace in awarding the Highway Projects; and
- (d) the time by which NHAI is likely to meet its target for the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 176 FOR ANSWER ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2009 ASKED BY DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA AND SHRI PULIN BIHARI BASKE REGARDING TARGET FOR AWARD OF HIGHWAY PROJECTS

(a) & (b) The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has finalized a Work Plan for award of 122 projects with a total length of about 11,947 km at an approximate cost of Rs. 1,00,000 crore during the current financial year. 13 projects with a total length of 1237 km including 10 projects of length 902 km forming part of Work Plan have been awarded so far during current year.

(c) The award process for highway projects was affected mainly due to economic down turn from 2008-09 which affected the ability of developers to raise necessary finance for the projects, delays in land acquisition, changes brought about in project documentation i.e. Model Request for Qualification (RFQ) & Request for Proposal (RFP) documents and Model Concession Agreement (MCA) document.

(d) The projects identified under above mentioned Work Plan are targeted for award in 2009-10.