

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

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

- (a) the policy of the Government regarding setting up of /development of Express Highways in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to construct a network of expressways to increase connectivity across the States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has prepared any draft/final report for the development of expressways/highways;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) the expenditure likely to be incurred under the said programme alongwith the time-frame for its completion?

Answer

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

(a) The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) inter-alia stipulated to consider establishing an Expressways Authority of India to formulate and implement a Master Plan for 15,600 km of access-controlled expressways for high-density corridors and initiate action for determining the alignment and acquiring the land for 6,000 km and simultaneously expedite construction of 1000 km of expressways under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase VI to provide unhindered, high-speed, and safe movement of traffic.

(b) to (f) The Ministry had awarded a Consultancy Services in December, 2008 for Formulation of a Master Plan for the National Expressway Network in the country giving prioritised phasing for completion of these Expressway corridors by the year 2012, 2017 and 2022. The Consultants recently submitted the Final Report based upon the views / observations received from the State Governments inter-alia recommending total Expressway Network of about 18,637 km for completion in prioritized manner in three phases spanning upto the years 2012, 2017 and 2022. Since the Report and the detailed programme are yet to be accepted by the Government, it is premature to indicate the details of the stretches to be taken up under the programme, expenditure likely to be incurred under the said programme and its time-frame for completion.