

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

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TRAINED HIGHWAY ENGINEERS
Singh Shri Brij Bhushan Sharan

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

- (a) the total number of trained highway engineers in the country;
- (b) whether the present strength of these engineers is sufficient for timely completion of road projects; and
- (c) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) There is a shortage of trained highway engineers in the highway profession including contracting and consulting industry. The Government has set up the National Institute for Training to the Highway Engineers (NITHE), Noida which imparts training to fresh as well as in-service highway engineers of the country. So far NITHE has trained 17,895 highway engineers since 2001, which includes engineers from other developing countries. There are also other Training Institutes in the public and private sector imparting training to highway engineers. Highway Engineers are also deputed for training abroad under various International Co-operation Schemes for latest technical know-how in this Sector.