

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any programme for road development in the current plan period;
- (b) if so, the estimated expenditure involved and the number of roads and express highways targeted;
- (c) whether the mobilisation of funds for this programme has been considered;
- (d) if so, the availability of funds from within the country and also from outside;
- (e) whether any country has expressed interest in investing in the roadways programmes of India; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The Government has taken up several projects for improvement/ development of National Highways including construction of expressways under the various schemes such as National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East region (SARDP-NE), etc. The total length of NHs envisaged for improvement under the various phases of NHDP is about 47,054 km. Apart from this, development of 1,000 km length of Expressways has also been included under NHDP Phase VI. About 5,104 km length of NHs and 4,656 km length of state roads are envisaged for improvement under SARDP-NE. These projects are targeted for completion in phases by 2015-16. Apart from this, this Ministry also provides funds to the States / Union Territories for development and maintenance of State Roads, other than rural roads, as per the provisions of the Central Road Fund (CRF) Act, 2000. The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) envisages budgetary support of Rs 72,530 crore for Central Sector roads. This also includes funds for externally aided projects (including counterpart funding) amounting to Rs. 4,454 crore. In addition, the sector is expected to generate Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) amounting to Rs 34,829 crore and private sector investment of Rs 86,792 crore during this period.

(e) to (f) Recently a series of investment business conclaves through road shows were held in major overseas investment centres. So far such road shows have been held in Singapore, Zurich, London & New York. Discussions at Singapore with representatives from Malaysia have resulted in negotiations for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Government of Malaysia for cooperation in the road sector.