

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

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FAST TRACKING 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 (NHA) proposes to fast track the work of clearance of the restructured highway projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give more time and allocate more budget for carrying out surveys, feasibility reports and detailed project reports for timely completion of highway projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the projects cleared by the NHA board requires further clearance from the Public Private Partnership (PPP) appraisal Committee;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;
- (g) whether the Government proposes to make additions to the existing National Highways for improving road network in the country; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State- wise, and NH-wise?

**Answer**

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

- a) & b) National Highway Authority of India (NHA) has prepared work plan for 2009-10 under which 123 projects with approximate length 12,652 Kms and approximate cost Rs. 1,00,000 Crores, is targeted to be awarded in 2009-10. Out of this work plan, the status of 30 projects restructured is enclosed as Annex - A.
- (c) There is no such proposal.
- (d) In view of reply at 'c' above, question do not arise.
- (e) & f) Bids are invited for the Highways projects approved by the Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC) and the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure (CCI) and award of project is made to the best bidder approved by the National Highway Authority of India (NHA) Board.
- (g) Expansion of National Highway (NH) network is a continuous process and declaration of new National Highway is taken up from time to time depending upon the requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.
- (h) The details of the newly declared National Highways during the last three years and current are enclosed as Annex - B.