

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF EXPRESSWAYS

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has set an annual target for constructing expressways on Built-Operate-Transfer basis for linking of tourist places in various States;
- (b) if so, the details of the length of expressways constructed, proposed to be constructed and those under construction during each of the last three years and the current year as against the targets set, Statewise and project-wise;
- (c) whether construction work on some expressways has been delayed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) the details of the requests received from various States for construction of expressways during the said period, Statewise and project-wise including Kerala;
- (f) whether the Government has taken any action on these proposals; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise and project-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) including National Expressways. No annual target has been set for constructing expressways on Build Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis for linking of tourist places in various States. However, so far, one National Expressway has been constructed between Ahmedabad and Vadodara for a total length of about 93.4 km. At present, no National Expressways are under construction. The Government approved construction of 1,000 km of Expressways under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase VI through Public Private Partnership (PPP) on BOT basis in November 2006 for a total cost of Rs. 16,680 crore. This is targeted for completion by December, 2015. The details of sections included under NHDP Phase VI are given below: -

S.No. Section Length (in km)

1. Vadodara-Mumbai 400
2. Delhi-Meerut 66
3. Bangalore-Chennai 334
4. Kolkata-Dhanbad 277

In addition, there is proposal to develop National Expressway No. NE-II, i.e. Eastern Peripheral Expressway, for a total length of about 134 km in the States of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh connecting NH-1 at km 36.083 near Kundli and terminating on NH-2 at km 64.330 near Palwal.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

(e) to (g) The Ministry had awarded a Consultancy Services in December, 2008 for Formulation of a Master Plan for the National Expressway Network in the country. The Final Report submitted by the Consultants, duly considering the views / observations received from the State Governments and inter-alia recommending total Expressway Network of about 18,637 km for completion in prioritized manner in three phases spanning upto the year 2022, has been accepted by the Government. However, the detailed programme of implementation is yet to be finalized.