

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

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ROADS IN FOREST AREAS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct National Highways in the forest areas of various States including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and project-wise; and
- (c) the time by which such National Highways are likely to be constructed alongwith the details of funds likely to be allocated for the purpose, State-wise and project-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes Sir, While taking up improvement works on the National Highways like widening etc., generally forest areas are acquired in case the existing alignment/proposed alignment passes through forest. Details of projects through forest areas in various states where works are in progress but forest clearance is awaited for part length, the likely date of completion of these projects etc, are at Annexure.