

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

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REVIVAL OF HIGHWAY PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revive certain languishing highway projects that have become unviable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether all the highway projects including Public Private Partnership projects, Government funded and EPC are proposed to be revived under the aforesaid initiative of the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for reviving highway projects which have become unviable?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) Government has identified all languishing and stalled National Highway (NH) projects being implemented on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode of delivery only. Some of these projects have been cancelled/ terminated and the letter of award has been withdrawn. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and National Highways Authority of India have taken a number of steps for speedy completion of NH projects including streamlining of the process of land acquisition and other statutory clearances, harmonious substitution of Concessionaire, re-schedulement of Premium quoted by concessionaires, getting Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to treat road sector loans as secured, introduction of revamped dispute resolution mechanism and close coordination with other ministries etc. Apart from these steps, Government is also considering one time fund infusion to revive and physically complete some of these languishing projects.