

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

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NATIONAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Highways construction company;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its terms of reference, aim and objective; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to speed up the road construction projects and also to ensure that the agencies involved work efficiently?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has incorporated a company named National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation limited (NHIDCL) to promote survey, establish, design, build, operate, maintain and upgrade National Highways (NH) and other infrastructure including inter-connecting roads with focus on the North Eastern region and Strategic Areas of the country sharing international boundaries with neighboring countries with a view to promote cross border trade & commerce and safeguard India's international borders. An approximate length of 10,000 Kms has been identified to begin with for development through this company.

(c) 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-scheduling of Premium quoted by concessionaires, getting Reserve Bank of India to treat road sector loans as secured, introduction of revamped dispute resolution mechanism and close coordination with other ministries etc.