

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

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CONSTRUCTION COST OF PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to enhance cost of road construction projects being implemented under the National Highways Development Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken so far to meet the targets laid down for the development and expansion of National Highways?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. The cost of road constructions are worked out based on the latest schedule of rate of the State Government where the project is located or on the basis of the latest market rate.

(c) The Government has taken many steps for meeting the target for the development of National Highways such as:

- # Streamlining of land acquisition
- # Streamlining of Environment Clearances
- # Proposed exit for Equity Investors
- # Premium re-schedulement
- # Securitization of road sector loans
- # Close coordination with other ministries
- # Disputes Resolution mechanism revamped

Project preparation - NHAI has decided not to award projects till all pre-construction approvals are in-place for the project to avoid post bid delays and litigations.