

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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Swiss Challenge System

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to adopt Swiss Challenge System for the construction of National Highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the National Highways proposed to be undertaken under the system;
- (c) the response of the private players to this system;
- (d) the time by which the proposed system is likely to be made operational; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage private developers to develop expressways in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
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(a) to (d) Adoption of the Swiss Challenge System for the construction of National Highways by the Government is still at a conceptual stage.

(e) Conscious steps have been taken by the Government to encourage private developers to develop national highways including expressways in the country. Major steps undertaken in this direction include emphasis on better project preparation including land acquisition, undertaking major policy initiatives and simplification of procedure for project appraisal, exit policy for concessionaires,, amicable settlement of disputes, addressing issues for languishing projects, promoting innovative project implementation through Hybrid Annuity Model etc. As a result, participation of the Private Sector in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects has started showing signs of recovery.

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