

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF ROADS ON NHS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has accorded priority for the development of roads and highways in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the targets fixed for construction of roads during 2014-15; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to speed up the process?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) and (b) Yes, Madam. Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways which are being developed on the basis of inter-se priority and availability of funds. About 6300 km are targeted for construction under various schemes of the Ministry during 2014-15.

(c) The progress of the projects has been reviewed to sort out the issues related to slow progress & inadequate funds. The steps are taken for exit for equity investors, premium re-scheduling, securitization of road sector loans, mutual termination / cancellation of awarded road projects and re-bidding, close coordination with other ministries and revamping of dispute resolution mechanism etc.