

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

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PROJECT UNDER NHDP VI
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of Kolkata-Dhanbad expressway identified under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase VI;
- (b) the total cost estimated and the cost overruns since inception;
- (c) the reasons behind the delay in completion of said expressway;
- (d) the steps taken to ensure that further cost over runs are prevented; and
- (e) the other stretches identified for expressway project by National Highways Authority of India (NHA)?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d) The feasibility of the Kolkata-Dhanbad Expressway has been prepared. The project is not found feasible on account of difficulties in land acquisition.
- (e) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs in its meeting held on 2nd November, 2006 has approved implementation of 1000 km of expressway under NHDP Phase VI, the details of which are at Annexure. Besides, the Government has also approved Eastern Peripheral Expressway having length of 135 km.