GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether there has been any delay in completion of National Highways projects across the country specially in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay, State-wise;
- (c) the number of project proposals received from the State Government of Maharashtra during the last three years, cleared/pending along with the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (d) the time by which these National Highway projects in Maharashtra are likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The National Highways projects in various States including Maharashtra are affected due to land acquisition, utility shifting, environment/ forest/wild life clearances, issues pertaining to ROB's/RUBs with Ministry of Railways, slow progress by the contractor/concessionaire, inability of developers to generate equity funds, non availability of soil/aggregates, public agitation for additional facilities, arbitration/contractual disputes with contractors etc. At present there are 13 projects being implemented by National Highways Authority of India delayed due to various reasons in the State of Maharashtra.
- (c) During last three years, 123 proposals were received from the Government of Maharashtra, 91 proposals were sanctioned and Rs.759.76 crore have been incurred. Proposals not approved during the year are treated as returned unapproved.
- (d) Completion of National Highway projects is 2-3 years from the date of commencement.