

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SPEEDING UP ROAD PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has favoured greater involvement of the private sector, affordable tolls and setting up of a highway regulatory authority to speed up the on-going road projects; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to overcome the resource crunch?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI. K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a)&(b) The Government has decided to encourage Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the road sector through BOT Projects to bridge the gap between the requirement and availability of resources. Private Participation would also be encouraged for operation, maintenance and tolling of completed stretches of the National Highway Development Project. It has also been decided to examine the need for a legal framework improving economic regulation and dispute resolution for PPPs.