

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6931  
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AWARD OF TENDERS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS  
Singh Shri Suraj

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

- (a) whether a case of change in the rules and terms was registered for some tenders out of all the tenders awarded during the last two years for the development of national highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the names of the big projects for which the tenders were awarded by the National Highways Development Authority during the last two years;
- (d) whether tenders were invited again despite being these tenders already awarded;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the details of the schemes in which the Comptroller and Auditor General of India pointed out discrepancies during the review of the activities of the last two years of the National Highways Development Authority;
- (g) whether the bunglings committed in some schemes of the National Highways Development Authority have been brought to the notice of the Government; and
- (h) if so, the action taken/likely to be taken against those found guilty?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Tenders were awarded for North-South & East-West Corridors, Golden Quadrilateral and Port Connectivity components of NHDP Phase I & II and also for NHDP Phase IIIA during last two years.
- (d) and (e) One tender relating to Port Connectivity project was re-invited after issue of Letter of Acceptance as the contractor submitted a fake bank guarantee.
- (f) to (h) The audit of NHA activities is conducted by C&AG every year. In addition, C&AG also made a review of the NHDP Phase – I by selecting some sample stretches. In the report, the audit has made some observations about shortcomings and made suggestions for improvement and necessary action is being taken thereon.