

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

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS PROJECTS IN NORTHERN AND WESTERN REGIONS

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

- (a) whether a large number of National Highway Projects in the Northern and Western Regions of the country are awaiting clearance from the Union Government as on December 31, 2005;
- (b) if so, the number of projects in each region;
- (c) the main reasons for the delay in granting clearance; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As on December 31, 2005, 85 estimates for various types of works, totaling to 48 from Northern region (comprising Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi and Chandigarh) and 37 from Western region (comprising Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Goa), of National Highway projects executed by the respective State Public Works Department were awaiting clearance.

(c) The clearance of estimates involves time for detailed technical and financial examinations and fulfillment of all the technical parameters. Some of the works also require clearance by other Ministries/Departments.

(d) In the Northern region, 11 estimates have been sanctioned and in the case of Western region, 7 have been sanctioned and 1 estimate has been returned unapproved. Sanctioning of the balance estimates is subject to availability of funds, fulfillment of technical parameters and clearance by other Ministries/Departments.