

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

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US INVESTMENT IN INDIAN TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes US investment in the Indian Transport Infrastructure during a conference held recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response of the US industry thereon; and
- (d) the promises made by the Indian Government?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) At the FICCI - USIBC Transport Infrastructure Conference held on October 25, 2005 at Washington D.C., entrepreneurs from the US were invited to invest in India's road infrastructure programmes. At the conference information was given about opening up of road development programme in India to private sector participation by creating an enabling policy framework, including various incentives such as 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Road Construction, provision of capital grant, tax exemption, and duty free equipment.

US investors were also informed about implementation of projects by Public Private Participation through the instrument of Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) concessions.

Investment depends on several factors like projects offered for construction, Detailed Project Report, inspection of the project site by the investor and as such, it is too early to indicate the response of the US industry.