

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to hold talks with Reserve Bank of India(RBI), Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and others to woo private lenders to fund infrastructure projects;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;and
- (c) The amount expected to be raised for the infrastructure projects?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P.K. BANSAL)

(a) and (b) Yes Sir, There was a meeting involving Infrastructure Division, Capital Market Division and Banking Division of Department of Economic Affairs and RBI on this issue in which it was proposed to prepare a master paper outlining the problems involved in the participation of private lenders in funding infrastructure projects. The process of preparation of the Master Paper is in progress. Once it is complete the modalities of holding talks with RBI, SEBI and others would be finalised.

(c) The Committee on Infrastructure, headed by the Prime Minister, has estimated the investment requirements in some of the key sectors as Rs. 2,20,000 crore in the National Highways sector by 2012; Rs.40,000 crore for Airports by 2010 and Rs.50,000 crore for the Ports sector by 2012. Various estimates indicate that the total investment requirement for Infrastructure sectors in the next 4-5 years is \$320-350 bn. A major chunk of the above requirements should come from the private sector.