

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

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REGIONAL OFFICES OF NHA
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Regional Offices of the Ministry/NHA in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Jharkhand;
- (c) whether lack of such Regional Offices in various States had led to procedural delays in the finalisation and implementation of highway projects, particularly in Jharkhand;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the time by which such Regional Offices are like to be set up and made functional?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b) Government has already set up 20 Regional Offices [ROs] and 2 Engineering Liaison Offices [ELOs]. In addition, there are 13 Regional Offices of NHA located in various States including Jharkhand. The State -wise details of ROs/ ELOs of the Ministry and ROs of NHA are enclosed at Annexure. The Engineering Liaison Office in Jharkhand at Ranchi was upgraded to the level of Regional Office of the Ministry in the year 2009.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.