

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) the details of length/lanes of National Highways (NHs) in the country along with NHs under construction or being developed/improved or pending for construction and the funds allocated/released by the Government in this regard, State-wise;
- (b) whether there has been any delay in completion of the National Highway projects and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor including time and cost escalations therein and the action taken thereon along with the time by which the same are likely to be completed, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed the targets for construction/developments of NHs including per day target for construction of roads during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof and achievement made thereon, State-wise and if not, the action taken thereon;
- (d) whether the proposals received from various States for construction/development of NHs in the country during the last three years and the current year have been approved; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which they are likely to be cleared, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) Development of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process and works on all the NHs are taken up in stretches based on inter-se-priority and availability of funds. The funds allocated for the development of NHs during the year 2013-14 is Rs. 3223 crore under NH(O). The expenditure till October 2013 is Rs. 1232 crore.

(b) There has been delays in implementation of some projects. The delays are due to problems such as land acquisition, shifting of utilities, environmental and forest clearance, approval for rail over bridges, law & order problem as well as shortage of skilled / semi-skilled manpower, poor performance of contractors and economic slowdown. The cost overrun is applicable only to the item rate contractor. In such contracts, there is a provision for payment of escalation due to delays. In case the project is delayed due to reasons attributable to the contractor, liquidity damage are to be imposed and no escalation is paid. Actual escalation due to delays or cost overrun will be known only after completion of the project and final settlement of bills. The delayed projects are in the various stages of completion. In order to expedite implementation of the projects, review meetings are being regularly held to sort out various issues with the concerned agencies.

(c) The targeted and completed length of roads/NHs during the last three years and the current financial year are as under :-

Year	Target (In km)	Achievement (In km)
2010-11	5534	4438
2011-12	5824	5013
2012-13	6091	5732
2013-14	6329	1817
(till October, 2013)		

(d) & (e) The proposals for construction/development of NHs received from the State Governments are technically examined and

scrutinized. The proposals are sanctioned depending upon technical requirements, inter-se priority and availability of funds. Proposals not sanctioned in a year are treated as returned unapproved. During the last three years and current year proposals amounting to Rs.11,400 crore have been sanctioned.