

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

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PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPERS IN EXPRESSWAY PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to encourage real estate developers to set up Special Economic Zones around the expressways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the projected cost and expressways identified for this project;
- (c) whether any viability study has been conducted in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the proposed projects including bidding process for the said expressways under the various phases of the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP), including NHDP phase-VI?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir. Government has approved a Master Plan for the National Expressway Network in the country after due consideration of the views/observations received from the State Governments which include development of total Expressway Network of about 18,637 kms. However, there is no proposal for encouraging real estate developers to set up Special Economic Zones (SEZ) along Expressways.

(b) to (d) Do not arise. However, the details of proposed expressways under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-VI for construction of length of 1000 kms of expressways are as under:-

Sl. No. Name of Expressway Status

- 1 VADODARA-MUMBAI EXPRESSWAY (400 kms) Feasibility study is in progress and expected to be completed by March, 2010
- 2 DELHI-MEERUT EXPRESSWAY (66 kms) Feasibility study is in progress and is expected to be completed by March, 2010
- 3 BANGALORE-CHENNAI EXPRESSWAY (334 kms) The feasibility study is targeted to be completed by May, 2010
- 4 KOLKATA-DHANBAD EXPRESSWAY (277 kms) The feasibility study is targeted to be completed by May, 2010