

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:822

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APPROVAL OF NH PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the Government/NHAI proposes to approve/undertake projects for construction, expansion, modernization and maintenance of National Highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the projects approved on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode during each of the last three years and the current year, Statewise and project-wise;
- (c) the details of the cost of such projects, amount allocated/spent thereon, FDI infusion estimated and their present status during the above period, State-wise and project-wise;
- (d) the criteria/norms laid down for awarding contracts to bring transparency, quality and timely completion of projects;
- (e) whether the Government is looking at various options to raise funds and set up a line of credit to meet viability gap funding and annuity payment requirements, World Bank funding etc. for projects under the NHDP; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to expedite timely commencement/completion of projects?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

- (a) to (c) Yes, Madam. The available details of projects approved and awarded on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and project-wise are placed at Annexure-I.
- (d) The projects are awarded through a transparent international competitive two-stage bidding process. The pre-qualification process ensures that bidders permitted to participate have the wherewithal to execute projects of the required quality with timely completion.
- (e) and (f) The National Highways Development Project (NHDP) financing plan as worked out by the Chaturvedi Committee envisages an estimated expenditure of Rs 3,37,959 crore on project construction. While approving the recommendations made by the committee, the Government has decided that the financing plan for 2010-11 onwards would be considered by an Empowered Group of Minister (EGoM) for further action, including such changes to the work plan as may become necessary. It has also been decided that the NHDP Projects under the SARDP-NE and in Jammu and Kashmir would be funded with Additional Budgetary Support (ABS) over and above the cess that the Government provides to NHAI on a yearly basis. As regards raising of the funds, the Government has accorded "in-principle" approval of the Government support to the NHAI for issuance of the tax-exempted bonds, guarantee cover to the borrowing plan of the NHAI and assistance in negotiating non-sovereign multi-lateral loans from the World Bank, ADB etc. The details of the other steps taken by the Government to expedite the projects are indicated in Annexure-II.