

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 21.04.2010
ANSWERED ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF NHDP

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Shri Ishwar Singh

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has formulated a revised strategy for implementing the National Highways Development Project (NHDP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the target of constructing 20 km. NH per day is being achieved; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

(SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (d):A statement is laid on the table of the House.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO THE PART (A) TO (D) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 379, FOR ANSWER ON 21ST APRIL, 2010 ASKED BY SHRI ISHWAR SINGH REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF NHDP

(a) to (b):The Government has formulated a revised strategy to expedite the implementation of National Highways Development Projects (NHDP) and achieve a target of constructing 20 kms roads per day. The Work Plan I and II have accordingly been formulated for awarding nearly 24,000 kms of National Highways projects under NHDP in a period of two years. The issues of critical concern to various stake-holders in regard to Policy framework, Planning and Implementation have been addressed. The processes for Request for Qualification (RFQ), Request for Proposals (RFP) and Model Concession Agreement (MCA) have been simplified. An Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) has also been set up to resolve the various issues under the revised strategy.

(c) & (d): The Highway infrastructure projects have long gestation period from the time of preparation of feasibility report to the completion of construction involving many stages of approval and completion of pre-construction activities apart from arranging the finance and actual execution of project on ground. For achieving the target of constructing 20 Kms of National Highway per day, NHAI needs to award at least 21,000 Kms over next 3-years so as to achieve the objective of constructing 7,000 Kms per year. During the year 2009-10, NHAI has already completed the construction of 2693 Kms. Further, 38 projects covering a length of 3360.146 Kms at the cost Rs. 33311.20 Crores were awarded, while the bids in respect of 21 projects out of Work Plan - I, covering 1568 Kms have been received. Further, in respect of 20 projects covering 1991 Kms, the bids have been invited.