

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 21.04.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**NH PROJECTS HELD UP FOR ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE .**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of National Highway projects have hit a barrier with the Environment Ministry not giving them clearance;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) what steps Government is taking to remove these roadblocks coming in the way of these projects?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI R. P. N. SINGH)

- (a) to (b) At present five projects are pending for forest clearance and two for wildlife clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF).
- (c) Meetings have been held at the level of Cabinet Secretary and Secretary, MoEF for resolving the bottlenecks.