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National Infrastructure Pipeline

QUESTION

483. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the National Infrastructure Pipeline and if so, the details thereof including the number of infrastructure projects undertaken by the Government during each of the last four years and the current year;

(b) whether more than 384 infrastructure projects each of worth Rs. 150 crore have been hit badly as out of 1,514 projects, and as many as 713 projects were delayed and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the Government has constituted a task force with the objective of effective delivery of projects including those based on Public Private Partnership mode within time and budget for Central/ State Governments and Public-Sector Enterprises and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to control the cost escalation and ensure timely completion of the projects?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) Yes, Sir. To accelerate capital expenditure for creation and upgradation of infrastructure in the economy, Union Government launched the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) with projected infrastructure investment of around Rs. 111 lakh crore during the period 2020-2025 in order to provide world-class infrastructure across the country, and improve the quality of life for all citizens. The pipeline comprises of 8,969 projects covering 37 sub-sectors.

As on 31st January 2023, the cumulative NIP status since FY 2019-20 is as under:

S. No.	Project Stage	No. of Projects
1.	Under Conceptualization	1,249
2.	Under Development	2,102
3.	Under Implementation	4,552
4.	Completed	1,066
	Grand Total	8,969

(b) As per Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) Online Computerized Monitoring System (OCMS) status, as on 01.07.2022, 384 projects out of 1,514 projects show cost overruns. The reasons for time & cost overruns are project-specific and depend on a variety of technical, financial and administrative factors such as under-estimation of original cost or funding constraints, changes in foreign exchange rates, changes in project scope, general price rise, law and order issues, delay in land acquisition and associated rehabilitation and resettlement, delays in local body/ municipal permissions, utility shifting, contractual issues etc.

(c) A Task Force was set up to draw up the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) in 2019-20 upto 2024-25, comprising a shelf of technically feasible and financially/economically viable infrastructure projects across the country with a view to estimate annual infrastructure investments/capital costs and monitor its financial progress. The final report of the Task Force on NIP was released on 29th April, 2020.

(d) The major steps taken or being taken by the Government to restrict the cost escalation and timely completion of projects are: Rigorous project appraisal; Periodic review of projects under Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI); On-line Computerized Monitoring System (OCMS) for better monitoring; Setting up of Revised Cost Committees in the Ministries; Regular review of infrastructure projects by the concerned administrative Ministries; and Setting up of Central Sector Projects Coordination Committees (CSPCCs) in each State under the Chief Secretary.
