

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3079
ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2020

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

3079. SHRI SELVAM G.:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently conferred the “National Highways Excellence Awards”;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof along with the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (c) the details of categories of awards and the criteria fixed for selection of winners;
- (d) the number of applications received and the number of applicants declared as winners;
- (e) the achievement made by the Government by giving away such awards; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to create a healthy environment of competitiveness amongst all the stakeholders involved in the development of highway infrastructure and encourage them to contribute to the larger goal of expanding the road network in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) Yes Sir. The Government has recently conferred the National Highways Excellence Awards, 2019.

(b) National Highways Excellence Awards has been instituted in 2018 with the objective of incentivising exemplary work and encouraging best industry practices in the Highway development sector.

Estimated expenditure on the National Highways Excellence Awards, 2019 is about Rs1.58 Crores.

(c) National Highways Excellence Awards, 2019 had following 7 award categories:-

- i. Project Management (PPP & EPC)
- ii. Operation & Maintenance
- iii. Toll Management
- iv. Highway Safety(Plain Terrain, Hilly Terrain)
- v. Green Highway
- vi. Innovation
- vii. Outstanding Work in Challenging Conditions

The best performers were selected based on multiple rounds of rigorous assessment including field assessment of their project profiles by independent agency & jury.

(d) Out of total 104 nominations received, 12 were conferred awards.

(e) & (f) The Government is constantly committed towards the larger objective of strengthening and augmenting the road infrastructure in the country. Acknowledging companies who are performing exceptionally well and delivering finest quality services during construction, operation, tolling and maintenance stages of the highway project would encourage all companies in the sector to improve the quality of service.
