GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4242 ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2020

CLEARANCE OF NH PROJECTS FROM PPP APPRAISAL COMMITTEE

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Finance has directed that National Highway (NH) projects costing more than Rs. 2,000 crores required to be cleared from PPP Appraisal Committee and if so, the details and objectives thereof;
- (b) whether such conditions are likely to affect the set timeline of NH projects and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the impact thereof on recently unveiled Rs. 3.10 lakh crores projects to build 22 Greenfield expressways and the manner in which the Government is planning to overcome this impact?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) In accordance with CCEA approval for Bharatmala Pariyojana programme, powers have been delegated to Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for appraisal and approval of National Highway (NH) projects under EPC and PPP modes of execution. Further, NH projects envisaged on BOT (Annuity) Mode and Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) which cost more than Rs. 2,000 crore (TPC excluding land cost) require appraisal by PPP Appraisal Committee (PPPAC).

(b) & (c) The Government of India had approved Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I in October, 2017 with an aggregate length of about 34,800 km (including 10,000 km residual NHDP stretches) at an estimated outlay of Rs. 5,35,000.00 crores for development of about 9,000 km length of Economic corridors, about 6,000 km length of Inter-corridor and feeder roads, about 5,000 km length of National Corridors Efficiency improvements, about 2,000 km length of Border and International connectivity roads, about 2,000 km length of Coastal and port connectivity roads, and about 800 km length of Expressways. Total 246 road projects with an aggregate length of about 10,100 km have been awarded till February, 2020 under Bharatmala Pariyojana with Total Cost as Rs. 2,38,413 crores approximately, which also include projects on Greenfield Corridors.