

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.838**  
ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2016

**TAX FREE BONDS**

838. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

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

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has sought Life Insurance Corporation to fund various road expansion projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to raise tax free bond exclusively for expansion of road projects in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has sought any extra budgetary resources for the huge demand of road construction and maintenance in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (e) As per budgetary approval for the current year, Internal Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) amounting to Rs.59,279 crore has been allotted to NHAI. NHAI has been already authorized to raise Rs.25,000 crore (taxable) and Rs.5,000 crore (54EC) for construction and maintenance of National Highways.

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