

Effect of change in chairmanship of NHAI on NHDP

2088. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of damage caused to National Highway Development Project (NHDP) due to frequent change of Chairman of NHAI;

(b) whether it is a fact that only 7 projects could be awarded instead of originally planned 60 projects under Phase-III of NHDP;

(c) whether it is also a fact that concession terms have also been changed recently; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) The progress under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) under implementation by National Highways Authority of India (NHA) as shown below indicates increasing trend in the length completed during the last three years.

Year	Completed length (in kms) of National Highways under NHDP
2006-07	636
2007-08	1614
2008-09	2148

(b) NHAI initiated bidding for 60 projects during 2008-09 which included 44 projects under NHDP Phase-III. 9 projects have been awarded and bids have been received in 9 projects.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Proposal for New NHs by Rajasthan Government

†2089. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan Government has made proposals for announcement of new highways; and

(b) if so, the time by when announcement thereof will be made and names of these national highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requirement of resources for development of existing (National Highways in the Country) is huge as compared to availability of resources. Hence, at present, emphasis is being given

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