

funding during the Eleventh Plan period. However, it has now been decided to enhance this allocation to Rs.2000 crore for 2010-11 and Rs.1470 crore for 2011-12. The Planning Commission is administering the Special Plan on 100% grant basis.

Construction of roads during last four years

†1328. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to accelerate the pace of development in the country by constructing the roads;
- (b) if so, the reactions of Government thereto;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the pace of road construction has come down in the country since last few years; and
- (d) if so, average length of road constructed every day during the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. There is a need to accelerate the pace of socio-economic development of the country by constructing roads. Government had set a target of construction of 20 km per day. The average project construction cycle is 3 years. To meet the target of construction at an average rate 20 km per day *i.e.* almost 7,000 km per year, it is essential that at any given point of time, there should be almost three times this length, *i.e.* approximately 21,000 km awarded and are under construction. Accordingly, all out efforts are made to accelerate the pace of award of works to bring more projects under implementation.

(c) Only 5237 km could be awarded under NHDP during period 2007-08 to 2009-10. This comparatively lower quantum of award in previous years affected the completion rate in 2010-11. Progress in implementation has also been affected by poor performance of some contractors, delay in obtaining forest/wild life clearances from Ministry of Environment and Forest, railway clearances, law and order problems in some States, delay in land acquisition etc. To achieve higher completion rate NHAI has accelerated the pace of award of projects. In order to expedite implementation of projects Regional Offices each headed by Chief General Managers have been set up by NHAI for close monitoring of implementation of projects. Two zonal offices each headed by Executive Director have been set up at Bhopal and Bangalore for close monitoring of pre-

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construction activities. Achievement of targets is being monitored closely. Projects are periodically reviewed at field offices and at Head Quarter.

(d) Details of achievement of construction of km per day during the last four years are as under:—

Sl. No.	Year	Achievement km per day by NHAI under NHDP	Achievement km per day by Ministry through PWDs and BRO under Non-NHDP	Total Achievement km per day
1	2007-08	4.60	5.19	09.79
2	2008-09	6.04	6.10	12.14
3	2009-10	7.40	6.34	13.74
4	2010-11	4.90	5.90	10.80

NH undertaken on BOT basis in Andhra Pradesh

1329. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways undertaken on BOT basis in Andhra Pradesh under various Phases of NHDP;

(b) the original cost, time-frame for execution of each of the above projects; and

(c) the reasons for delay, if any, in each of the project, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (c) The details are given in the Statement (See below).