

(b) Under the Twelfth Five Year Plan, a length of 4592 km and 4680 km of National Highways (NHs) are targeted to be constructed for the year 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.

(c) and (d) The Government has recently decided to implement projects on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode in addition to PPP mode. The EPC mode is similar to traditional item-rate contract, except that the design responsibility in EPC works is with the contractor. In EPC mode, the entire cost of civil works is borne by the Government. In Build-Operate-Transfer (Toll) mode, entire cost of civil works is borne by the Concessionaire, except some portion of civil project cost upto a ceiling of 40% of total project cost.

Over dependence on PPP mode in road sector

568. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from this year onwards Ministry is thinking to reduce its dependence on PPP mode and planning to go on EPC, public funded projects and BOT route; and

(b) if so, how the 'shift' helps Ministry to achieve the targets and quick completion of works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the EPC mode, construction cost will be borne by the Government, resulting in infusion of money in road sector and significant reduction in the problems associated with lack of equity in the market.

Work pertaining to high traffic diversity corridors

569. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the distance details in kilometers with special reference to roads passing through Jharkhand and also in Gujarat under NHDP phases as above *i.e.* total kilometers planned, completed, work in progress and stalled/abandoned;

(b) whether any priority has been given to completion of work pertaining to high traffic density corridors in Jharkhand and Gujarat if so, the details thereof and how these have been contemplated to complete early; and