

Six-laning of Ahmedabad-Vadodara National Highways

†3472. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that six-laning of Ahmedabad-Vadodara National Highway is underway;
- (b) if so, the amount of funds which was proposed to be spent for this purpose and the amount of funds spent thereon during 2013 -14;
- (c) the time-limit fixed for completion of this work; and
- (d) the number of times the quality of works was tested by the quality control department during 2013-14?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Six-laning of Ahmedabad-Vadodra Section of NH-8 has been taken up on Design -Built-Finance-Operate-Transfer (DBFOT) mode under Phase-V of National Highways Development Project (NHDP). Total Project Cost (TPC) of the project is 2125.24 crore and ₹ 24.42 crore has been spent during 2013-14. Time limit for completion of the project is 36 months *w.e.f* January, 2013.

(d) The project is implementing on DBFOT basis and the concessionaire of the project is responsible for quality of the work. The quality of work is also monitored by Independent Engineer (IE) as per norm specified in the concession agreement.

Road projects under EPC Mode

3473. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Highways Authority of India has urged Government to take up the road projects on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode in place of Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of road projects taken up by Government under EPC mode during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the details of the projects which have missed their deadlines during the said period along with the reasons therefor and by when these projects are likely to be completed?

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