

Steps Taken to Resolve Issues of Stalled National Highway Projects

A total of 235 National Highway projects have been assigned to private companies on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) (Toll) and BOT (Annuity) modes. The Government is making all out efforts at all levels to resolve issues of stalled National Highway projects, including assisting the developers in coming out of financial crunch.

A few projects have been delayed due to various reasons including land acquisition, utility shifting, delay in obtaining statutory clearances, litigations and financial problems of the concessionaires. To get such stalled Highways projects out of crunch, Government has permitted one time fund infusion to revive and physically complete languishing National Highway projects under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode and also allowed Rationalised Compensation to concessionaires, in case delays are not attributable to them, to increase fund flow into the highway sector.

Various steps have also been taken by the Government/National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to remove the hurdles affecting the construction of National Highway projects which include streamlining of land acquisition and regulatory clearances, close coordination with other ministries, revamped Disputes Resolution Mechanism etc. NHAI has also decided not to award projects till all major pre-construction approvals are in-place for the project in order to avoid post bid delays and litigations.

Details of road constructed during the last three years are as follows:-

Year	Completed Length (in kms)
2013-14	4260
2014-15	4410
2015-16	6062

Expenditure incurred during the last three years

(Rs. In crores)

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crores)
2013-14	40518.75
2014-15	27645.40
2015-16	63795.24

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