

Several step taken to Expedite Land Acquisition for National Highways

In order to expedite land acquisition as required for projects of road and highway construction, expansion and upgradation, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has close co-ordination and liaison with the State Governments. Several steps have been taken to address issues that lead to delay in land acquisition, and various directions have been issued, which are as under : -

- (i) Determination of the amount of compensation in consonance with the relevant provisions contained in the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 with effect from 01.01.2015;
- (ii) Providing the necessary technical and organisational support to the revenue authorities in the State Government;
- (iii) Appointment of additional officers as Competent Authority for Land Acquisition and Arbitrator for expediting acquisition;
- (iv) Procurement of land as per respective State Government policies and including the administrative charges and other charges payable by the land acquiring department as per the concerned State Government's policy in the Land Acquisition estimates for National Highway (NH) Projects;
- (v) Procurement of land through consent where missing plots are left out from the bulk acquisition and/or additional land is required due to alteration of alignment at implementation stage;

Further, periodical meetings are held in this Ministry with the State Government authorities to review the progress of land acquisition for NH projects.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways Shri Munsukh L. Mandaviya in written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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