



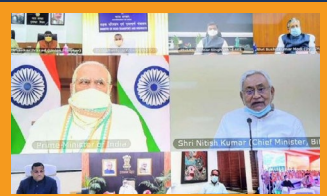
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NHAI's Bid to Enhance Ease of Doing Business in Highway Sector



India has been persistent in creating a business-friendly regulatory environment which is reflected in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business 2020 Report, where it is ranked 63rd among 190 nations. The Report acknowledged India as among the 10 economies that improved the most on the

ease of doing business after implementing regulatory reforms. Leading the efforts in this regard in the Development of Highways infrastructure, is NHAI.

Committed to improving ease of doing business, NHAI has been steadfast in ushering in reforms

and facilitate a better working relationship with all its stakeholders. NHAI has agreed to implement various suggestions made by different industry bodies towards improving National Highways. NHAI has also taken various initiatives from time to time to instil confidence in the bidders in the road sector.



NHAI's Move to Ease Highway Construction

NHAI has always strived to build and maintain cordial professional relationships with all its concessioners, contractors, and vendors. Over the years, it has undertaken a host of initiatives and measures to develop a conducive working environment for all its stakeholders. Continuing the trend, NHAI has now accepted suggestions made by the National Highways Builders Federation (NHBF) related to project delivery.



NHBF is the apex organisation of contractors/builders of highways and bridges in the country. It made a host



of suggestions aimed at resolving issues and increase the pace of construction of highway projects.

The suggestions pertain to nine areas including COVID-19 relief, bidding process, contract management, EPC agreements, improvement in concession agreement of Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM), etc.

After due deliberations, NHAI accepted 25 suggestions while suggestions on policy-related matters were referred to the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for consideration.

Some of the Key Suggestions Accepted by NHAI include

- Covid Relief: Extension of Time to contractor/ concessionaire for construction period without imposition of any cost or penalty shall be granted by the Project Director up to 3 months and Regional Officer for more than three months and up to six months.
- To enable the bidder to have an assessment of road condition at the time of bidding, NHAI shall provide DPR along with Network Survey Vehicle (NSV)/ LIDAR data as per availability to the bidders. All survey data collected by DPR consultants will be made available to agencies under one platform through Data Lake.
- To ensure timely payments to vendors and their monitoring, submission of bills related to project payments shall be done through PMS/Data Lake Portal.

In the past, NHAI has taken various initiatives to support concessionaires, contractors, and consultants. In March 2020, it disbursed Rs. 10,000 crore online to ensure payments to contractors are not hampered because of the lockdown. In the first quarter of the current Financial Year, it disbursed more than Rs. 15,000 crores to the vendors.



Further improving the ease of doing business, NHAI has agreed to a host of suggestions made by the Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI).

CEAI, the apex body of consulting engineers in the country, submitted a host of suggestions including Omnibus Bank Guarantee, Performance Parameters of Consultants, Approval of DPR, Value Engineering, Technical Capacity Provisions, Evaluation of Bids, etc.

Key Suggestions Accepted:

- Omnibus Bank Guarantee System and guidelines
- Use of innovative technology/material. NHAI has asked consultants to propose new technologies while preparing DPRs and avoid wasteful expenditure. It has also assured to expedite the approval process of various stages of DPR.
- NHAI has reiterated its commitment of timely payments to the consultants.
- Under Technical Capacity Provisions, a cap on the number of projects awarded to a consultant will be linked to its performance and rating on the Vendor Performance Evaluation System.



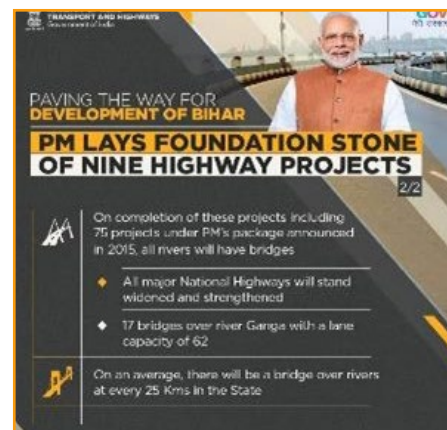
NHAI accepted the suggestions after due deliberations with CEAI representatives and assured that it is open to appropriate suggestions from them in the future.



PM Launches Rs 14,000 Crore National Highway Projects in Bihar

In a major infrastructure boost for Bihar, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched nine National Highway projects worth Rs 14,258 crore. With a total road length of around 350 km, the highway projects include the construction of 3 bridges and upgradation of highways into 4/6 lanes.

Addressing the foundation stone laying ceremony through video conferencing, the Prime Minister said these highway projects would provide better connectivity, convenience, and economic growth in and around Bihar.



The projects include

Construction of 60.80 km 4-lane Pararia-Mohania section (NH 30 costing Rs 856 crore)

Construction of 49 km 4-lane Narenpur-Purnea Section (NH-131A costing Rs 2,288 crore)

Construction of 54.53 km 4-lane Ara - Pararia section (NH 30 costing Rs 886 crore)

Construction of Package II of 47.23 km 4-lane Bakhtiyarpur-Rajauli Section (NH31 costing Rs 1,150 crore)

Construction of Package III of 50.89 km 4-lane Bakhtiyarpur-Rajauli Section (NH31 costing Rs 2,651 crore)

Construction of 39.16 km 6 lane Kanhauli-Ramnagar section on Patna-Ring Road (NH-131G costing Rs. 913 crore)

Construction of new 14.50 km 4- Lane Major Bridge Parallel to existing MG Setu Across River Ganga (NH-19 costing Rs. 2,927 crore)

Construction of new 30 km 4- Lane Major Bridge across River Kosi at Phulaut including Rehabilitation and up-gradation of existing Birpur - Bihpur Section (NH-106 costing Rs. 1,478 crore)

Construction of new 4.36 km 4- Lane Bridge across River Ganga (newly declared NH-131B at Bhagalpur costing 1,110 crore)

The ceremony was attended by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar Shri Nitish Kumar, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar - Shri Sushil Kumar Modi, and Hon'ble Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways General (Dr) V K Singh (Retd.), among others.



Shri Gadkari Inaugurates and Lays the Foundation Stone for 8 NH Projects in Kerala

Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways and MSMEs Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for 8 National Highway projects in Kerala worth Rs.12,692 crore.



With a length of over 200 km, these projects will help in traffic decongestion, reduce fuel cost, save the environment, and generate employment for local citizens.

Addressing the event through video conferencing, Shri Gadkari said the development of world-



class transport infrastructure has been prioritised through initiatives such as the Bharatmala Pariyojana, India's largest-ever infrastructure development program.

The Minister informed that 35,000

km of National Highways are being developed as a part of Bharatmala Pariyojana in the country. Out of this 1,234 km of National Highways are being developed as a part of Bharatmala Pariyojana in the Kerala State. The event was attended by

Hon'ble Governor of Kerala Shri Arif Mohammed Khan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala Shri Pinarai Vijayan, and Hon'ble Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways General (Dr) V K Singh (Retd.), among others.

Shri Gadkari Launches 16 NH Projects in Andhra Pradesh

Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways and MSMEs Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for 16 National Highways projects in Andhra Pradesh. With a total length of 1,411 km, the projects are worth Rs 15,592 crore.



Addressing the event, Shri Gadkari said the length of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh has increased by 2667 km to 6,860 km in the last 6 years. He informed that works costing Rs 34,100 crore are under DPR

stage and targeted for completion by 2024, while works costing Rs. 25,440 crore are under implementation.

The event was presided by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Y S Jagan Mohan

Reddy, Union MoSs Gen (Retd) Dr. V K Singh and Shri G Kishan Reddy, Ministers from the State, Members of Parliament, MLAs and senior officers from the Centre and the State.





Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, IAS
Chairman

Dear Friends,

Last six months have been grim for the global economy and most businesses. It was difficult to start a new financial year due to the uncertainty posed by the pandemic and the lockdown. However, as an organisation we remained proactive and steadfast in accepting all the challenges and kept working diligently towards our collective resolve of nation-building.

What would be a better testament of our commitment than the fact that despite many challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic we awarded 40 projects — spanning 1,330 km and worth Rs 47,289 crore during April to September 2020. This number is 1.6 times higher than the 828 km awarded last year and 3.5 times higher than the 373 km awarded in fiscal 2018-19, during the same period. You must be already aware that NHAI also disbursed Rs 10,000 crore to contractors in March during the lockdown, that too after converting the manual system of payment into electronic system, to ensure cash flow to them.

We are committed to improve the ease of doing business and cultivate a fruitful working relationship with all our stakeholders. Any suggestions, which contribute towards smooth operations with the Contractors, Concessionaires & Consultants and contribute to the growth of Highway development, shall also be positively considered in the future. NHAI has recently agreed to most of the suggestions made by different industry bodies on various issues which will further ease and contribute to the development of the highway infrastructure in the country. Not only that, suggestions given by employees of NHAI were also considered and implemented. Appreciation letters have also been given to employees who have given good and implementable suggestions. I expect much more practical suggestions from all employees of NHAI to further increase the “ease of doing business”.

As you know, the entire project management work flow of NHAI has been transformed from manual to online portal based using Data Lake Software, wherein the complete project execution operations including ‘workflow with time lines’ and ‘alert mechanism’ have been configured. All project documentation, contractual decisions and approvals are now being done through portal only. With advance analytics, the Data Lake software will forecast the delays, likely disputes and will give advance alerts. It also facilitates taking correct and timely decisions as the system is likely to predict financial impacts of different alternatives based on the historical data. Further, to enhance transparency and ease of doing business, NHAI has now decided that all correspondence with Contractors and Consultants shall be done digitally through the Data lake Portal.

Before concluding, I would like to give a special mention to the Hindi Pakhwara (fortnight) organised to commemorate the unifying spirit of the language – Hindi. Just like NHAI connects various parts of India through its vast and dense network of highways, Hindi connects the different communities, owing to its power of inculcating words from most other Indian languages to form one familiar mode of communication for the entire nation.

I am proud of the hard work that each one of you put in every day. Also, I would like to reiterate that we still need to follow COVID 19 related precautions for our safety.

With Warm Regards

Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu



हिंदी हैं हम

हिंदी के प्रयोग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण (एनएचएआई) कार्यालय में 1 से 15 सितंबर तक हिंदी पखवाड़ा मनाया गया।

पखवाड़े में हिंदी का प्रचार-प्रसार बढ़ाने के लिए विभिन्न कार्यक्रम तथा टिप्पण, टंकण, प्रश्नोत्तरी समेत कई प्रतियोगिताएँ आयोजित की गईं। आयोजन में सभी ने बढ़ चढ़ कर भाग लिया तथा राष्ट्र भाषा में अपनी दक्षता का प्रदर्शन किया। आयोजन में कोविड -19 को लेकर सभी नियमों का पूरी तरह पालन किया गया।

हिंदी दिवस की शुभकामनायें देते हुए, अध्यक्ष डॉ. सुखबीर सिंह संधु ने सभी अधिकारियों एवं कर्मचारियों को प्राधिकरण के शासकीय कार्यों में निरंतर हिंदी भाषा का अधिकाधिक प्रयोग करते हुए देश में राजभाषा हिंदी की उत्तरोत्तर प्रगति करने के राष्ट्रीय संकल्प को पूरा करने का आह्वान किया।

पखवाड़े की समाप्ति पर पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह का आयोजन किया गया। प्राधिकरण के सदस्य (प्रशासन) श्री आलोक ने विजेताओं को प्रमाण पत्र प्रदान किये।

14 सितम्बर 1949 संविधान सभा में एक मत से हिंदी को राजभाषा घोषित किया गया था। इसी महत्वपूर्ण निर्णय के महत्व को प्रतिपादित करने तथा हिन्दी को हर क्षेत्र में प्रसारित करने के लिये राष्ट्रभाषा प्रचार समिति, वर्षा के अनुरोध पर वर्ष 1953 से पूरे भारत में 14 सितम्बर को प्रतिवर्ष हिन्दी-दिवस के रूप में मनाया जाता है। भारत सरकार के सभी कार्यालयों, उपक्रमों, उद्यमों, संस्थाओं में हिंदी पखवाड़ा हर वर्ष 1 सितंबर से 14 सितंबर अथवा 14 सितंबर से 24 सितंबर तक मनाया जाता है।

आयोजित की गई कुल छह प्रतियोगिताओं के विजेता प्रतिभागियों के नाम

क्र. सं.	प्रतियोगिता का नाम	विजेता का नाम तथा पदनाम	पुरस्कार
1	हिंदी टंकण - गति प्रतियोगिता	श्री जितेन्द्र प्रसाद, वैयक्तिक सहायक	प्रथम
2		श्री धर्मेन्द्र कुमार, वैयक्तिक सहायक	द्वितीय
3		श्री राजू कुमार, आशुलिपिक	तृतीय
4		श्रीमती नीना धवन, वैयक्तिक सहायक	सांत्वना

क्र. सं.	प्रतियोगिता का नाम	विजेता का नाम तथा पदनाम	पुरस्कार
1	हिंदी टिप्पण - आलेखन प्रतियोगिता	श्री मनोज कुमार गर्ग, उपमहाप्रबंधक	प्रथम
2		श्रीमती सीमा मित्तल, प्रबंधक (प्रशा.)	द्वितीय
3		श्री राजेश चंद्र, वैयक्तिक सहायक	तृतीय
4		श्री संजीव कुमार शर्मा, महाप्रबंधक (तकनीकी)	सांत्वना



क. सं.	प्रतियोगिता का नाम	विजेता का नाम तथा पदनाम	पुरस्कार
1	राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन सम्बन्धी प्रश्नोत्तरी प्रतियोगिता	भारतीय समूह: श्री संजीव कुमार शर्मा, महाप्रबंधक (तकनीकी) श्री मनोज कुमार गर्ग, उपमहाप्रबंधक (तकनीकी) श्री धर्मेन्द्र कुमार, वैयक्तिक सहायक श्री ब्रज मोहन शर्मा, प्रबंधक (तकनीकी) श्रीमती शारदा देवी, लेखाकार श्रीमती नीना धवन, वैयक्तिक सहायक श्री भूपेंद्र, कनिष्ठ लेखा अधिकारी	प्रथम
2		राजमार्ग समूह : श्रीमती नीमा कांडपाल, निजी सचिव सुश्री सोनिया, कंप्यूटर ऑपरेटर श्रीमती डॉली, कनिष्ठ लेखाधिकारी श्रीमती सुमन दुबे, प्र.नि. सचिव श्रीमती शोभा रावत, प्र.नि. सचिव श्री योगेंद्र कुमार - प्रबंधक श्री भारत - वैयक्तिक सचिव	द्वितीय
3	राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन सम्बन्धी प्रश्नोत्तरी प्रतियोगिता	राष्ट्रीय समूह: श्री राजेश चंद्र, वैयक्तिक सहायक श्री यशवीर भारद्वाज, कंप्यूटर ऑपरेटर श्रीमती एकता शर्मा, वैयक्तिक सहायक, सुश्री वंदना कुमार, वैयक्तिक सहायक श्री अर्जुन डांगे, उपप्रबंधक श्रीमती लीना, वैयक्तिक सहायक श्री सचिवन वत्स, आशुलिपिक	तृतीय
4		प्राधिकरण समूह: श्रीमती रूपाली किशोर, सी सॉफ्टवेयर डेवलपर श्रीमती सोनिया मेहंदीरता, क. लेखा अधिकारी श्रीमती पुष्पेंद्र कद, वैयक्तिक सहायक श्रीमती वीना होरा, निजी सचिव श्रीमती राखी केमती, वैयक्तिक सहायक श्रीमती रेखा, कंप्यूटर ऑपरेटर सुश्री संजू, कंप्यूटर ऑपरेटर	सांतवना



क्. सं.	प्रतियोगिता का नाम	विजेता का नाम तथा पदनाम	पुरस्कार
1	हिंदी आशु - भाषण प्रतियोगिता	1) श्री अर्जुन डांगे, उपप्रबंधक	प्रथम
2		2) श्री विपुल गर्ग, सी. डेस्कटॉप इंजीनियर	
3		श्री नरेश कुमार, प्रबंधक (प्रशासन)	द्वितीय
4		श्रीमती डॉली, कनिष्ठ लेखाधिकारी	तृतीय
		1) श्री शीश राम सैनी, सी सॉफ्टवेयर इंजीनियर	सांत्वना
		1) श्रीमती सोनिया मेहंदीरता, क. लेखा अधिकारी	

क्. सं.	प्रतियोगिता का नाम	विजेता का नाम तथा पदनाम	पुरस्कार
1	हिंदी कविता - पाठ प्रतियोगिता	श्रीमती पुष्पेंद्र कद, वैयक्तिक सहायक	प्रथम
2		श्रीमती वीना होरा, निजी सचिव	द्वितीय
3		श्रीमती शारदा देवी, लेखाकार	तृतीय
4		1) श्री संजीव कुमार शर्मा, महाप्रबंधक (तकनीकी) 2) श्रीमती ममता, निजी सहायक	सांत्वना

क्. सं.	प्रतियोगिता का नाम	विजेता का नाम तथा पदनाम	पुरस्कार
1	हिंदी शब्दज्ञान वर्ग पहेली प्रतियोगिता	श्री मनोज कुमार गर्ग, उपमहाप्रबंधक	प्रथम
2		श्री संजीव कुमार शर्मा, महाप्रबंधक (तकनीकी)	द्वितीय
3		श्रीमती ज्योति रानी, वैयक्तिक सहायक	तृतीय
4		सुश्री वंदना कुमार, वैयक्तिक सहायक	सांत्वना



प्रतियोगिता की एक झलक



पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह



पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह



NHAI Awards 1,330 Km Highway Projects in Apr-Sept 2020



Despite the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and the ensuing lockdown, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) continues to play a valuable role in boosting the Indian economy. Underlining the significance of the highways sector in India's economic

growth, NHAI awarded 40 projects, totalling 1,330 km, with a capital cost of Rs 47,289 crore in the first half of the current fiscal.

The projects awarded so far in the year are 1.6 times more than the 828 km awarded in the

corresponding period of FY 2019-2020 and 3.5 times higher than the 373 km awarded in FY 2018-2019.

Almost 80 to 90 per cent of land acquisition and actioned utilities shifting of the projects have been done while necessary clearances

from various forest and environment authorities have also been obtained. The capital cost includes the cost of civil work, land acquisition, and other pre-construction activities. The Authority has set a target of awarding 4,500 km of projects for 2020-21 and is likely to exceed the same.



NHAI Receives Rs 5,011 Crore from TOT 3



NHAI's ambitious Toll-Operate-Transfer (TOT) model to monetise Highway infrastructure is yielding good results with the third bundle comprising 566 km of length, been awarded for Rs 5,011 crore.

The TOT 3 bundle, consisting of 9 toll plazas in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, and Tamil Nadu was awarded to Singapore-

based Cube Highways in September. The concession period for the bundle is 30 years during which the concessionaire shall operate, maintain, and collect toll.

TOT is an asset recycling program developed to encourage private participation in the highways sector and generate more resources for the construction of future projects.

Under the mode, already operational National Highways are provided to private entities on a long-term concession basis for operation and maintenance with the right to collect user fees.

National Highway of about 6,400 km. of length has been identified for awarding under TOT. The first Bundle of TOT with a length of

681 km consisting of 10 toll plazas was awarded to M/s MAIF for an upfront consideration of Rs. 9,681 crores in 2018. Bids for the fifth bundle (5A-1 and 5A-2) with a total length of around 160 km have also been invited. Separate bids have been invited for the two bundles each consisting of one National Highway stretch in Gujarat. The total contract period is 20 years.

New NHAI Building Inaugurated in Dwarka, Delhi

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) got a new, modern headquarters buildings. Spread over 6,100 square meters, the new building functions in addition to already operational NHAI Headquarter in the same vicinity.

NHAI, is the only fully digital public organisation in the Indian construction sector with the entire project management workflow transformed from manual to portal based. In line with this transformation, the new ground plus seven floors access-controlled

facility will support digitisation with modern capabilities.

With bigger mandate of delivering National Highways infrastructure across the country, this added capacity will further enhance NHAI's capabilities to deliver nationwide projects.

NHAI is committed to develop the National Highways Infrastructure at a rapid pace and envisions to provide safe, smooth, and seamless travel experience on the National Highways.



Delhi Meerut Expressway: India's First 14-Lane Expressway

The 82 km long Delhi-Meerut Expressway (DME) connects the national capital Delhi with Meerut in western Uttar Pradesh. Implemented in four packages,

it is designed to decongest the National Capital Region and bring a significant reduction in pollution and commuting time. Of the total length of 82 km, the first 28 km is

14-laned, while the remaining is a 6-lane expressway. The 8-lane old stretch of NH-24 up to Uttar Pradesh Gate has been widened to 14 lanes, making it the widest expressway

in India. The Expressway also has 2.5 m wide dedicated bicycle tracks on both sides on the nearly 28 km stretch between Delhi and Dasna.

DME at a Glance

- Pkg. 1- An 8.72 km long 6-lane expressway & 4+4 lane highway from Nizamuddin Bridge to Ghazipur border in Delhi.
- Pkg. 2- A 19.2 km long 6-lane expressway from Ghazipur (Delhi/U.P border) to Dasna in Uttar Pradesh.
- Pkg. 3- A 22.2 km long 6-lane highway from Dasna to Hapur in Uttar Pradesh.
- Pkg. 4- A 32 km long greenfield 6-lane expressway from Dasna to Meerut in Uttar Pradesh.



The project involves the construction of 11 Flyovers/Grade Separators, 5 major and 19 minor Bridges, 3 ROB (rail over bridges), 40 Vehicular and 49 Light Vehicle underpasses. Once completed, this will be the first expressway to have dedicated bicycle tracks on the nearly 28 km stretch between Delhi and Dasna.

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- 5 major Bridges
- 24 minor Bridges
- 3 ROB
- 40 Vehicular underpasses
- 49 Light Vehicle underpasses
- 9 Foot-over-Bridges



The first phase of 9 km of DME, is the first National Highway in the country with 14 lanes. Built at an estimated cost of Rs. 842 crores, it was dedicated to the nation by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 27th May 2018.

The 14-lane facility is a smart-green highway that has vertical gardens with a solar power system and a drip irrigation facility. This segment of the project was completed almost 12 months ahead of the scheduled 30 months period.

The third package from Dasna to Hapur in Ghaziabad, completed with civil cost of Rs 1,058 crore, was inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari in September 2019.

This 6-lane stretch has two-plus-two lane service roads on either side and a 4.68-km long elevated corridor at Pilkhuwa. It has seven new bridges, a flyover at Hapur bypass, 11 vehicular underpasses, two pedestrian underpasses, two-foot over-bridges, six major junctions, and 105 minor junctions. The elevated corridor at Pilkhuwa has been conferred Gold Medal for innovation in construction technology.



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NHAI receives ₹5,011 cr from Cubes Highways under TOT third bundle

New Delhi: The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has received upfront consideration of ₹5,011 crore on Monday from Cubes Highways, under the third bundle of the toll-operate-transfer (TOT) model. The award ceremony was conducted via videoconferencing by transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari. Last year, the highway authority had put up nine stretches of road in the third round of TOT.

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THE NATIONAL HIGHERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (NHAI) ON Wednesday said it has awarded 40 national highway projects, totalling 1,300 km, with a capital cost of ₹4,289 crore in the first half of the current fiscal.

In the April-August period of the last fiscal, the authority had awarded 128 km national highway projects.

The capital cost includes the cost of civil work, land acquisition, and other pre-construction activities. Of the 40 projects awarded till September, 14 were awarded through the engineering procurement and construction (EPC) mode and the remaining on the hybrid annuity model (HAM) mode.

"The projects awarded so far in first half of the current financial year are: 1.6 times higher of \$ 38 km awarded in FY19-20 and 3.5 times higher of 73 km awarded in FY16-19 during the same period," NHAI said in a statement.

The authority said it has already completed at least 80 to 90% of the land acquisition, utility shifting and has obtained required clearances from various forest and environment authorities.

NHAI has set a target of awarding 2,500 km of projects for 2020-21, but hopes that

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ROAD AWARDS IN CATCHUP

Number of international tenders

Year	Number of international tenders
2007	10
2008	15
2009	20
2010	25
2011	30
2012	40

INDIAN INFRASTRUCTURE

awards boom
 as road projects

"We have a great mix of foreign and Indian companies bidding for the road projects," says a senior official at NHAI. The agency has awarded 40 international tenders for road projects worth over Rs 10,000 crore since 2007. The number of tenders awarded has increased from 10 in 2007 to 40 in 2012.

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