

QUESTION DETAILS

MINISTRY OF : ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO 161

TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019

Release of CRF for projects in Karnataka

161. Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGH WAYS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has built roads under Central Road Fund (CRF), as per the recommendation of the States;
- (b) if so, the details of the roads constructed during the last three years in the country under CRF, State and UT-wise;
- (c) whether any proposals under CRF, from the State of Karnataka are pending;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government regarding speedy implementation and monitoring of funds under CRF?

Answer

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.161 FOR ANSWER ON 08.07.2019 ASKED BY SHRI G. C. CHANDRASHEKHAR REGARDING RELEASE OF CRF FOR PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

(a) to (e) The Ministry allocates funds for the States/ Union Territories (UTs) for development of State Roads and Roads of Economic Importance and Inter State Connectivity (EI&ISC) as per the provisions of the Central Road Fund (CRF) Act, 2000 amended by the Finance Act from time to time.

The State/ UT-wise details of State Roads constructed under CRF and EI&ISC schemes during the last three years are annexed.

The projects under these schemes have been sanctioned on the basis of proposals received from the State Governments / UTs subject to overall availability of funds and inter-se priority of works in accordance with the CRF (State Roads) Rules, 2014 amended from time to time. The proposals not considered for sanction during a financial year, including such proposals received from the State Government of Karnataka, have been treated as unapproved and not considered as pending.

With the amendment of CRF Act, 2000 through Finance Act, 2018 and replacement of the earlier Act by the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund Act (CRIF), 2000, sanction of schemes for State Road is no longer a function of the Central Government.

The Ministry releases funds for the road works under CRF Scheme based on the Utilisation Certificates (UCs) received from State Governments / UTs, duly ensuring that adequate fund is available with States/ UTs at all the times. The Ministry reviews the progress of projects and expenditure incurred while releasing funds based on such UCs.

The funds for State Roads under EI & ISC Schemes are allocated keeping in view the committed liabilities, progress of works, inter-se priority, etc. For EI & ISC works, the direct payment procedure applicable for National Highway (NH) works is followed; the funds are released directly to the contractors by the Ministry's Regional Offices (ROs)/ Engineering Liaisons Offices (ELOs)/ Regional Pay and Accounts Offices (RPAOs) based on the works done and bills received/ processed.

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