

Large players in steel, cement indulging in cartelisation: Gadkari

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is facing difficulties in the preparation of detailed project reports (DPR), as companies concerned are not ready to accept new technology, Nitin Gadkari, minister of road transport and highways, said on Tuesday.

The Union minister said the government was encouraging the use of new technologies. Addressing the 'CRISIL India Infrastructure Conclave 2023', he said big players in the

steel and cement industry were indulging in cartelisation to jack-up prices. "...the steel industry and cement industry... whenever they get the chance, they make the cartel and increase the rate."

According to Gadkari, rating of firms that make DPR is a big challenge. "The preparation of DPRs is a big problem for NHAI... there is no perfect DPR anywhere in any project," Gadkari, who is known for his frank views, said.

