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# ***Do Public Private Partnerships Deliver Better Outcomes?***

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## **ABSTRACT**

The Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) have become a mainstay of plans of the Centre and the State governments towards infrastructure development. We empirically examine a widely held belief that PPPs are better than the traditional approach towards infrastructure in that they can deliver superior quality infrastructure at a faster rate and lower costs. Using a dataset of more than three hundred national highways projects, we compare the performance of the PPP and the traditional government (non-PPP) highway projects. We show that the project delays are relatively short for PPPs, but the cost overruns are significantly higher for PPPs than for the government managed highway projects. The data and other available evidence suggest that the quality of PPP roads is better than the traditional highways. However, the overall quality of road services under PPPs is deficient on several counts.