



MINISTRY OF WORKS & SUPPLY
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT
ON
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ZAMBIA

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Mr. Speaker

I wish to thank you most sincerely for granting me this opportunity to make a Ministerial Statement on infrastructure Development Programmes in Zambia.

Mr. Speaker,

The Government has recognized that infrastructure development is key to national development by facilitating growth in productive sectors such as agriculture, mining, manufacturing and tourism. Accordingly, the Government of the Republic of Zambia through the Ministry of Works and Supply has embarked on a number of infrastructure development projects around the country. Among them are: The construction of various infrastructure projects in newly created districts and provincial Headquarters (Chama and Chinsali).

Mr. Speaker,

As you may be aware, Government created several new districts, the construction of new infrastructure in the newly created districts commenced in December, 2014 and most of the projects are expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2016. The infrastructure being constructed includes: civic centers, High cost houses, administration blocks, low cost houses, medium cost houses, post offices, as well as a police stations.

Mr. Speaker,

As of 31st January, 2016, 57% of the structures under construction were above the ring beam level and better, 18% were between the slab level and the ring beam level and 25% were below slab level.

Two No administration blocks have since been completed and were ready for handover and occupation, some contracts for the under performing contractors have been terminated in Western and North western Provinces while those identified in other provinces are undergoing the termination process. The procurement process for the engagement of new contractors for Western and North western Provinces has advanced and it is expected that new contractors will be on sites by mid-March, 2016.

a) Administration Blocks

Mr. Speaker,

61% of the administration blocks being constructed countrywide had reached ring beam level or better, while 30% of them were below the slab level.

Notable success has been recorded in Limulunga and Vubwi Districts where the structures have practically been completed and would be handed over soon. On the other hand, very little success has been recorded in Ngabwe, Nyimba, Lunga, Luano, Mulobezi and Mitete Districts where structures were still below slab level or had not started.

b) Construction of post offices and associated external works

Mr. Speaker,

It has been noted that 58% of the Post Offices being constructed countrywide had reached ring beam level or better, while 27% of them were below the slab level.

Notable success has been recorded in Chikankata, Lufwanyama and Lunga Districts where the post office buildings have been roofed and contractors were working on final decorations and finishings. On the other hand, very little success has been recorded in Luampa, Mitete and Mulobezi Districts where structures were still below slab level.

c) Construction of civic centers, 2 high cost houses, and associated external works

Mr. Speaker,

I am pleased to inform you that 54% of the Civic Centres and associated housing units being constructed countrywide had reached ring beam level or better, while 33% of them were still below the slab level.

Structures in Luampa, Chikankata, Kazungula, Zimba and Nyimba have already been roofed while those in Mitete, Sikongo, Ngabwe and Ikelenge were still below slab level.

d) Construction of 20 No low cost houses and associated external works

Mr. Speaker,

63% of the low cost houses being constructed countrywide had reached ring beam level or better, while 12% of the houses were still below the slab level.

Notable success has been recorded in Chikankata, Mitete, Ngabwe and Rufunsa Districts among others where the houses have been roofed and work on the finishes and fittings had commenced. On the other hand, very little success has been recorded in Ikelenge, Sinda and Vubwi Districts were ^{structures are} at excavation level.

e) Construction of 10 No Medium cost houses and associated external works

Mr. Speaker,

Physical inspections revealed that 52% of the medium cost houses being constructed countrywide were above ring beam or better, while 23% of the houses were below the slab level.

Notable success has been recorded in Rufunsa, Shiwangandu, Nyimba, Chikankata and Mwansabombwe Districts where the houses have been

roofed and work on the finishes and fittings had commenced. On the other hand, structures in Ikelenge, Sinda and Vubwi Districts were still below slab level.

f) Construction of 10 No medium cost houses and associated external works

Mr. Speaker,

I wish to inform the honorable members that 52% of the Police stations and associated staff houses being constructed countrywide were above ring beam or better, while 24% of the houses were still below the slab level.

Notable success has been recorded in Kazungula, Shibuyunji, Chadidza, Chembe, Lunga and Ngabwe Districts where the houses have been roofed and Police stations were above wall plate level. On the other hand, very little success has been recorded in Ikelenge, Manyinga and Sioma Districts where these structures were still below slab level.

Mr. Speaker,

As I conclude my address to this August House, I wish to reaffirm our Government's determination to create world class infrastructure in Zambia that supports socio-economic growth.

Mr. Speaker, I Thank You.