

Four Lane Traffic way from Changalpattu and Nagercoil

*371. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to extend the four lane traffic way from Changalpattu to Nagercoil; and

(b) if so, the time limit fixed for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This section consists of three segments namely.

- (i) Changalpattu-Tindivanam on NH-45.
- (ii) Tindivanam-Madurai via Trichy on NH-45 & 45B.
- (iii) Madurai-Kanyakumari on NH-7.

Changalpattu-Tindivanam section is being developed on BOT basis. Contract has been awarded and work is targeted to be completed by November 2004. DPR for the development of Tindivanam-Madurai via Trichy has been completed. Since funding arrangements have not been finalized, no firm date can be indicated. Madurai- Kanyakumari is a part of North-South Corridor and is scheduled to be completed by December, 2007. DPR of this section is under preparation.

Reaction of foreign countries over Gujarat carnage

*372. SHRI M.V. RAJASHEKHARAN:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some countries have officially expressed their anguish over Godhara and its related communal riots in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the names of the countries and summary of their communications;

(c) whether Government have assured them of taking serious action against the people involved in riots; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?