Quadrilateral projects connecting Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai and Mumbai

1265. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far with regard to the Golden Quadrilateral project for connecting the four Metropolitan cities of Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai and Mumbai;

(b) whether he expects any cash escalation with regard to this project and if so, the details thereof and how the hike is proposed to be met; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to complete the project on time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) Out of a total length of 5952 km of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) project for connecting the four Metropolitan cities of Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai and Mumbai, a length of 588 km has been completed so far and 911 km is under implementation.

(b) Yes, Sir. Cost escalation is expected due to rise in prices. This will be met out of the total resources made available to National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) or raised by NHAI from market borrowings.

(c) Various project activities such as project preparation, award of contracts and execution of works are being closely monitored to ensure their time-bound completion.

Four lane highway from Hyderabad to Vijaywada

1266. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal for a four lane highway from Hyderabad to Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when such proposal was received in the Ministry and what steps has been taken with regard to that proposal; and

(c) by what time the Ministry is going to complete the four lane highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal in the form of a rough estimate for four laning from km 9.50 to km 30 of Hyderabad-Vijayawada Section of NH-9 was received in the Ministry.