

**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.

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(b) The proposal was received in July, 2000. Since the work was not included in the Annual Plan 2000-01 and the proposal was not based on proper feasibility study and detailed engineering, the same was returned to Andhra Pradesh PWD.

(c) The work for carrying out feasibility study/detailed engineering for 4 laning of the entire length of Hyderabad-Vijayawada Section (km 0 to 217) of NH-9 is included in the Annual Plan 2000-01. The actual work of four laning can be taken up only after completion of the feasibility study/detailed engineering and acquisition of land subject to availability of fund. It is, therefore, too early to indicate any time frame for completion of this four laning project.

### **Representation to Government for upgradation of Highways**

**1267. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:** Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from some states like Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu for adequate finances and material help in upgrading the National Highways to strengthen road infrastructure in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI):** (a) and (b) No request for enhanced financial allocation for upgrading the National Highways has been received from the States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Allocation for National Highways during the current year is Rs. 91 Crores for Andhra Pradesh and Rs. 102 Crores for Tamil Nadu.

(c) Does not arise.

### **Accidents on National Highways in H.P.**

**†1268. SHRI ANIL SHARMA:** Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents which took place on National Highways during the last one year in Himachal Pradesh and number of people killed in those accidents;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.