

Golden Quadrilateral stretch in Orissa

516. SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN:

SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work on the National Highways under Golden Quadrilateral project in Orissa is moving at a snail's pace and incomplete road stretches have become death traps for the commuters;

(b) whether there have been agitations in the State over this step-motherly treatment; and

(c) if so, the status of completion of all the on-going projects in the State under the above head?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Out of 444 Km of NH-5 and NH-60 on Golden Quadrilateral, 352.50 kms length is already completed. However, balance 91.50 kms could not be completed due to termination of three contracts due to poor performance of the contractor. Out of three contracts, two contracts have been re-awarded and in one contract, the matter of termination of the earlier contractor is sub-judice. However, the existing pavement of the incomplete stretches is being maintained by the NHAI in traffic-worthy condition.

(b) There have been some complaints due to damages on the road surface during rainy season, which were got repaired by the NHAI.

(c) The status of the ongoing projects in the State under the above head is as under:

Sl.No.	Stretch	Balance Length	Likely date of completion
(i)	Ichapuram-Ganjam	29.91 km	Dec, 2009
(ii)	Bhadrak-Balasore	27.08 km	December, 2010

Inland waterways

517. SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa proposes to develop 1600 km inland waterways at a cost of Rs. 623 Crores to improve the economy of the coastal region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has asked for any kind of help or assistance in the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how far would this help to cut transit-time and speed up commerce in this coastal region?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) No such proposal of Government of Orissa has been received. However, Central Government has declared on 25.11.08, the East Coast Canal along with Brahmani River and Mahanadi delta (623 km in length) as a National Waterway, in consultation with State Government of Orissa. Central Government Proposes to undertake developmental activities in this waterway for navigational purpose at a cost of Rs 1526 crores (2002 prices).

Development of NHs through PPP mode

518. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to get the development work on National Highways/sections through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode;

(b) if so, the details of the selected National Highways/sections with the estimated cost of each of the project, Statewise;

(c) whether the expenditure involved in the development projects is to be met from the toll collection on sharing basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the percentage share of Government and PPP in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. The State-wise details of projects completed/under implementation through PPP mode are enclosed as Statement-I (See below).

(c) to (d) In the case of Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) Projects which are tollable, the entire cost of construction, operation and maintenance is borne by the concessionaire who recovers his investment through collection of toll. In some projects, successful bidders have offered revenue sharing from a specified date with respect to Commercial Operations Date or Appointed Date, and the details thereof are enclosed in the given Statement-II.