

World Bank loan for NHAI projects

1128. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

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

- (a) whether the World Bank has refused to provide loans to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for some of the projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in view of poor implementation of the road projects by NHAI, there is steep cost escalation in the projects; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which NHAI is going to complete the projects even if the World Bank does not provide any loan, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (d) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) gets the projects implemented by contractors in accordance with the contracts with them. Any escalation in cost is paid as per terms and conditions of the contract. In case the project is delayed on account of poor implementation due to fault on the part of the contractor, liquidated damage is imposed and no escalation is paid. While actual increase in cost can only be assessed on completion of these projects, the National Highways Development Project Financing Plan includes following sources of financing:—

- (i) Revenue from Cess
- (ii) External aid from multilateral Financial Institutions
- (iii) Surplus from toll revenues
- (iv) Additional budgetary support
- (v) Market borrowings

Rescue of hijacked Indian ships and crew

1129. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of ships hijacked by Somalian pirates in the Gulf of Aden and in other ocean regions in the last two years with Indians on board;
- (b) whether Indians on board the ships in each of the case were rescued;
- (c) the number of days it took for rescue operations and number of Indian seafarers involved in each case;