

Employment Service Condition) Act 1996 and building and other construction Workers Welfare Cess Act 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) About 99% of golden quadrilateral work is completed and the work of East-West and North-South corridor is targeted for completion by December, 2010. However, there has been some slowdown in implementation due to problems associated with land acquisition, shifting of utilities, clearance from Railways for Road Over Bridges and poor performance of contractors.

Bhubaneswar to Berhampur is in the stretch of NH-5 between Ichhapuram and Balasore. The reason for non-completion of part of 4-laning is mainly non performance of contractors of three contract packages, namely, Ichhapuram-Ganjam, Ganjam-Sunakhala and Bhadrak-Balasore leading to termination of contracts. Thereafter, there was further delay in completion of balance works due to litigations. The balance works of Ichhapuram-Ganjam and Bhadrak-Balasore have already been re-awarded and Ganjam-Sunakhala stretch is under advance stage of finalisation for re-awarding.

(b) All agencies including multinational are required to abide by labour laws and other rules & regulations as stipulated in respective contract agreements.

Projects submitted by Punjab Government

563. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects submitted by the State Government of Punjab and others in the State pending for clearance as on 1st April, 2009 by his Ministry;

(b) the period since when each project is pending; and

(c) by when each is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):

(a) Nil, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Decline in export of Textiles to USA

564. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of textiles especially to USA has decreased in the current year compared to other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):

(a) and (b) As per the latest available provisional data of Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, Kolkata, India's textiles and clothing export to the US has indicated a