

Rajasthan has been approved by the Government under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase V and is targeted for completion by December 2012. The work is expected to commence during 2008-09.

Sethu Samudram Project

2687. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of a recent report of Green Peace on Sethu Samudram Project;

(b) if so, the broad features and implications of the report for and against the project may be outlined;

(c) whether it is not a fact that the report is deadly against the project by listing a number of technical reasons with the final observation that the project would turn out to be a failure, spelling disaster for economy, environment and social fabric of India and Sri Lanka; and

(d) what are the unassailable, reliable, everlasting measures to get over such flaws and failures?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) No such report of Green Peace on Sethusamudram Ship Channel Project has been received by the Project authorities.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Work on NHs in J&K

2688. CHOWDHARY MOHAMMAD ASLAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of National Highways in the State of Jammu and Kashmir in which the work of widening has been going on;

(b) the amount spent on such works in the State during the last three years ending 31st March, 2007 so far, year-wise, particularly in the districts of Rajouri & Poonch; and

(c) the funds still required, as per Government estimate, in the completion of the works in hand and by when these works are likely to be completed, National Highway-wise?

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RAJYA SABHA

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Widening works are in progress on NH-1 A, NH-1 B, NH-1C, NH-1 D and amount spent on such works in Jammu & Kashmir during last three years are as follows:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)		
	NHAI	BRO	Total
2004-05	20.81.	18.65	39.46
2005-06	117.91	46.00	163.91
2006-07	154.54	131.69	286.23

No amount has been spent in Rajouri and Poonch districts.

(c) Fund requirement for widening of NH-1A (up to Srinagar) to four-lane and NH-1A(Srinagar-Uri) NH-1B, NH-1Cand NH-1D, mostly to two lane and targets for widening are as follows:

NH No.	Amount (Rs/crore).	Target
NH-1A(uptoSringar)	7500.00	2012
NH-1A.(SrinagartoUri)	403.45	2010
NH1B	603.10	2011
NH 1C	12.50	2008
NH1D	770.81	2012

Poor maintenance of NHs

†2689. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that repairing work of roads on National Highways identified under NHDP are not being cleared by the Centre; and

(b) if so, who shall be accountable for poor condition of roads for want of proper maintenance of National Highways during this period?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.