

No.	State	Rural	Urban
15	Uttar Pradesh	336.88	416.29
16	West Bengal	350.17	409.22
17	Delhi	362.68	505.45
	All India#	327.56	454.11

The poverty line (implicit) at all-India level is worked out from the expenditure class-wise distribution of persons and the poverty ratio at all-India level. The poverty ratio at all-India level is obtained as the weighted average of the state-wise poverty ratio.

NH Programme in Karnataka

1726. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Golden Quadrilateral and National Highway programme in Karnataka; and

(b) the expected date of completion of current phase of the Golden Quadrilateral work in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Out of total length of 624 km. covered under Golden Quadrilateral (GQ), 562 km. have already been completed and remaining 62 km. are under implementation. These are expected to be completed by December, 2006 except for Chitradurga bypass, where earlier contract was terminated. This bypass is now targeted to be completed by June, 2008.

As regards other National Highway works, presently 151 works are in progress. These are expected to be completed by March, 2008.

Upgradation of non-major ports

1727. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a comprehensive plan has been formulated to upgrade over 100 non-major ports in the country to handle