

(b) An amount of Rs. 21,397 crore has been spent on Golden Quadrilateral project upto 31.03.2005. Sources of Money are cess/market borrowings, external assistance and private sector participation.

(c) The Golden Quadrilateral does not extend to the North-Eastern States.

By-pass on Kota-Zhalawad road

†4622. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire traffic passes through the main roads of the city in Kota in absence of by-pass;

(b) whether a proposal was sent to the Ministry in 1996-97 to construct a by-pass on Kota-Zhalawad Road on National Highway No. 12 and the action taken so far on this proposal;

(c) whether due to the negligence and indecisiveness of the Ministry, the city of Kota has to face the tragedy of accidents and the costs involved in its constructions has gone up manifold; and

(d) by when this by-pass would be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In order to reduce traffic congestion and possible accident inside Kota town there is a proposal to construct the Kota by-pass on National Highway-12. Action in this regard was initiated by sanctioning an estimate for feasibility studies and project preparation in January, 1999. However, subsequently a part of this by-pass became common with National Highway-76, which also forms part of East-West Corridor. National Highways Authority of India has been entrusted with this work along with National Highway-76 by-pass to Kota. The work is expected to be taken up by National Highways Authority of India in July 2005 subject to clearance by Ministry of Environment and Forest.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.