

**Work on Shikohabad-Etawah Road**

3207. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that only 8 per cent work on the 59 km. Shikohabad-Etawah stretch of Golden Quadrilateral Expressway has been completed so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what was the original date for the completion of this work along with the expenditure involved therein;

(c) by when the work on the said expressway would be completed and estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) the specific reasons for delay in this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) The work on Shikohabd-Etawah section of NH-2 commenced with effect from March, 2002 with scheduled date of completion, as per contract, as March, 2005. The contract was terminated on 09.06.2004 due to persistent neglect by the contractor. At the time of termination the cumulative progress was 8.87 per cent and expenditure was Rs. 30.60 crores.

(c) and (d) Necessary action to award the balance work through International Competitive Bidding has already been initiated by NHAI. The estimated cost of the balance work is about Rs. 295 crores. The work is targeted to be completed within 24 months from the date of commencement of the work.

**Road Construction by Private Sector**

†3208. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that from now onwards the construction of roads in the country would be done in the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when Government took the above decision;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.