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5.	Construction of balance work of Ramshilla-Bijli-Mahadev Road km. 0/0 to 24/0.	June 2002
6.	Strengthening/Improvement of riding quality of M.R.R. <i>via</i> Lakkar Bazar km. 149/645 to 154/045.	Aug. 2002
7.	Strengthening/Improvement of riding quality of Chotta Shimla-Kasumpti-Panthaghat road km. 0/0 to 2/370.	Aug. 2002
8.	Construction of 225.7m span Bridge over Tara Khad on Indpur-Tappa road in Tehsil Indora in Kangra Distt.	Dec. 2002
9.	Improvement and Upgradation of Theog Kotkhai Hatkoti road from km. 0/0 to 19/705 (SH: improvement/upgradation from km. 8/0 to 13/255)	Feb. 2004
10.	Improvement and Upgradation of Theog Kotkhai Hatkoti road from 23/705 to 72/800 (SH: improvement/upgradation from km. 34/0 to 39/0)	Feb. 2004
11.	Improvement and Upgradation of Theog Kotkhai Hatkoti road from 23/705 to 72/800 (SH: improvement/Upgradation from km. 68/0 to 72/705)	Feb. 2004

#### **Mandays generated by Golden Quadrilateral scheme**

820. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mandays generated against the amount spent on the Golden Quadrilateral from the inception of the project till 31 st March, 2004;

(b) the number of mandays that would have been generated had the use of road building machineries and equipments been kept to basic minimum; and

(c) considering the impact of labour-intensive practices on the national economy, whether Government are reconsidering their approach in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) While it is difficult to quantify the exact number of mandays generated with the amount of about Rs. 16,600 crores spent on the Golden Quadrilateral from the inception of the project till 31.3.2004, as an approximate estimate, this number could be around 125 million.

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(b) and (c) Mechanisation of major road construction activities is necessary to achieve quality as per the specifications. However, labour is deployed to the extent possible:

#### **Road proposal from Tripura**

821. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been submitted from the State Government of Tripura for creation of an alternate National Highways from Kukial (Assam border) to Sabroom *via* Dhamanagar, Kailasahar-Fatikroy, Manik Bhandar, Behalabare, Khowai, Tehiamura, Amarapur, Jatanbari, Silachari, Rupaichari;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to sanction this important alternate National Highways; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) and (c) In February, 2004, the Ministry has declared 7457 kms. of State Roads as National Highways. It is premature to indicate any time frame for further declaration of National Highways.

#### **Fund allotted for North-Eastern Highways**

822. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have allotted Rs. 6,500 crores for development of North-Eastern Highways;

(b) if so, the details of the fresh projects proposed to be taken up; and

(c) the time-frame within which these would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir. However, certain important road stretches in North-Eastern (N.E.) Region have been identified for further improvement in consultation with the respective N.E. State Governments.

(b) and (c) It is too early to indicate details of the said proposals.