

Quadrilateral linking metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata and other high traffic density stretches from four lane to six lane under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase V at an overall estimated cost of Rs. 22,750 crores. Implementation of this Phase V of NHDP is envisaged on Design, Build, Finance and Operate (DBFO) model.

Delhi-Kolkata Highway

†1123. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of highway between Delhi and Kolkata under Golden Quadrilateral Highway Scheme is moving very slowly in Bihar region;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that capital cities, commercial and historical cities in the States located near Golden Quadrilateral highway are proposed to be connected with the said highways; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken to connect Dobhi with Gaya, Bodhgaya and Patna in Bihar under Golden Quadrilateral Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The development of NH-2 in Bihar under Golden Quadrilateral Scheme has been split into six packages aggregating to a total length of 206 Kms. Out of this, work in 178 Kms has already been completed and in the remaining 28 Kms, the work is targeted to be completed by December, 2006. There was some delay in execution of work due to problem of land acquisition and general law and order situation in Bihar.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Dobhi on NH-2 is already connected with Gaya, Bodh gaya and Patna through NH-83.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.