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(b) The details of stretches of National Highways to be converted into six-lane under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) are given below:

Sl. Stretch No	NH No.	Length	Scheduled date of completion
1. Ramgarh (Agra) to Tundla	2	23	March, 2005
2. Km. 44 to km. 66 in Haryana	1	22	April, 2004
3. Km. 66 to km. 96 in Haryana	1	30	December, 2007
4. Km. 556 to km. 539 and km. 535 to km. 527 of Hyderabad-Bangalore section	7	25	May, 2004
5. Km. 273.5 to km. 363.885 (Jaipur-Kishangarh section)	8	90.385	September, 2005
6. Km. 36.63 to km. 42 of NH-8 (Delhi Gurgaon section)	8	5.37	April, 2005

**Completion of Golden Quadrilateral Project**

1312. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:  
SHRI G.K. VASAN:  
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the prestigious Golden Quadrilateral Project, for connecting the four metros is not likely to be completed by the targeted date *i.e.* December, 2003;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor as well as its present progress;

(c) the details of the revised time-schedule drawn up, if any, and the cost overrun involved; and

(d) the steps taken to fine-tune the monitoring mechanism so as to avoid any further time and/or cost over-runs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Golden Quadrilateral component of National Highway Development Project (NHDP) is scheduled for completion by December, 2004. It is expected that the target will be substantially adhered to.

(d) The following efforts have been taken by the Government to ensure completion of project as per schedule:

- (i) Provision of bonus for early completion and penalty for delay, in civil works contracts.
- (ii) Meetings with the States to resolve problems associated with land acquisition, shifting utilities, law and orders etc.
- (iii) Taking up issues at the level of Minister with Chief Ministers of States through letters/meetings to resolve problems related to land acquisition, law and order etc.
- (iv) Frequent review meetings at the level of Minister with Contractors/Consultants/officials of NHAI.
- (v) Regular monitoring through daily and weekly progress reports.

#### **Roads in Madhya Pradesh**

t1313. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of important roads in Madhya Pradesh proposed to be converted into National Highways during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the names of the roads proposed to be converted into National Highways during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) There is a ban on declaration of new National Highways at present.

(b) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.