

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1424
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2003
PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION
SHRINWAS DADASAHEB PATIL

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government in improving the condition of National Highways other than the Golden Quadrilateral;
- (b) whether private sector investment in construction of National Highways is hampered due to high risk of revenue collection;
- (c) if so, whether any incentive scheme to encourage private sector investment in the road construction is proposed to be chalked out; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) The Government has taken the following steps for improving the condition of National Highways other than the Golden Quadrilateral.

(i) Widening to four / six lanes of the North- South and East-West Corridors, from Srinagar to Kanyakumari (inclusive of spur from Cochin to Salem) and Silchar to Porbandar respectively, for a total length of about 7,300 km, as a part of the National Highways Development Project.

(ii) Widening of additional 10,000 km of National Highways to four-lanes through public-private partnership on BOT basis in next 4 to 5 years.

(iii) Improvement of Riding Quality and other routine measures like periodic renewals and strengthening of the National Highways.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.