

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:261  
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2003  
COMPLETION OF GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL PROJECT  
RUPCHAND MURMU

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

- (a) whether the Golden Quadrilateral and North-South and East-West road corridor is likely to be completed on time;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total fund allotted to the project; and
- (d) the funds utilised till date?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

- (a) & (b) The targeted time for completion of the Golden Quadrilateral component of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) is December, 2004 and for the North-South & East-West Corridor is December, 2007. It is expected that these targets will be substantially adhered to.
- (c) The Government has approved, in-principle, the 4/6-laning of all the sections under NHDP at an estimated cost of Rs. 54,000 crores (at 1999 prices), out of which so far the Government has sanctioned NHDP Phase-I and a few other projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 30,300 crores (at 2000 prices) and another stretch of 507 km on the East-West Corridor at an estimated cost of Rs. 2573 crores (at 2002 prices).
- (d) The total expenditure incurred by NHA upto October 2003 on the NHDP phase-I and other projects is Rs. 17,414.19 crores.