

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:202
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2003
FOUR LANING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
A. VENKATESH NAIK;SUKENDER REDDY GUTHA

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

- (a) whether the National Highways Nos. 48 and 9 carries heavy traffic like tankers, lorries and other heavy vehicles;
- (b) if so, whether NH 48 qualifies for conversion to four lane in accordance with the IRC guidelines;
- (c) whether there is any proposal with the Union Government to make National Highways Nos. 48 and 9 into four lane for the smooth flow of traffic;
- (d) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) : There are a number of stretches of National Highways including those of NH-48 which qualify for conversion to four lanes. These are being taken up for four laning depending upon availability of funds and inter-se priority of works. Four laning in 82 km length of NH-9 is in progress.