

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:659
ANSWERED ON:11.05.2005
AUTONOMY TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
Reddy Shri Mekapati Rajamohan

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

- (a) whether the road construction under the National Highways Programme especially the Golden Quadrilateral and the North-South and East-West Corridors has been speeded up;
- (b) whether the Government has since granted greater autonomy to the National Highways Authority of India to make it more professional and efficient; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 659 FOR ANSWER ON 11.05.2005 ASKED BY SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN REDDY REGARDING AUTONOMY TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Modalities for restructuring National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to make it a multidisciplinary professional body with high quality financial management and contract management expertise are being worked out.