

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:34
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2005
GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the difficulties and obstacles to acquire enough land for the construction of the National Project of Golden Quadrilateral and its corridor ways in the country;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to tackle the difficulties;
- (c) the latest status of the Golden Quadrilateral Project linking Delhi-Mumbai-Chennai and Kolkata;
- (d) the target date for completion of the project;
- (e) the original estimated cost and the cost of escalation due to delayed implementation of the project; and
- (f) the revised target date by when the route will become operational?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 34 FOR ANSWER ON 2ND MARCH 2005 ASKED BY SHRI M. SHIVANNA AND SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN REGARDING GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL PROJECT.

(a) Yes sir.

(b) The following steps have been taken to tackle the difficulties:

(i) On the request of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), State Governments have nominated nodal officers at the level of Commissioner/Secretary/Principal Secretary to resolve the problems related to the National Highways Development Project including problems associated with land acquisition. The regular follow up meetings are held with the State Government officials and with nodal officers.

(ii) The funds for compensation to be paid to land owners is made at the disposal of the Competent Authority who determines the quantum of compensation in advance in order to avoid delay in payment of compensation to land owners.

(iii) In some cases where specific problems are faced, the matter is taken up at the highest level in the State Government.

(c) The status as on 31st January 2005 is as under:

(i) Total length - 5,846 km

(ii) Completed - 4,480 km

(iii) Under implementation - 1,366 km

(d) The project is likely to be completed substantially by December 2005.

(e) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 25,055 crores. The project is still under implementation and it is too early to project the escalation in cost, if any.

(f) The Golden Quadrilateral Project is likely to be operational substantially by December, 2005.