

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) the time by which the work regarding the construction of highways linking north end to south end and east end to west end of the country is likely to commence;
- (b) whether the work of two laning or four laning of all the national highways in the country is also being undertaken;
- (c) if so, whether any time limit has been fixed in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Work of 4-laning of Sections of North-South Corridor (linking Srinagar to Kanyakumari, including Salem-Kochi Spur), and East-West Corridor (linking Porbandar to Silchar) is already in progress.

(b) to (e) The total length of National Highways in the country is 65,569 km. which is being improved in a phased manner. Improvement of around 18,000 km by 4/6 laning has been taken up under Phases I-II and III (A) of National Highways Development Project (NHDP). NHDP Phase I is likely to be completed upto 96 % by June, 2006. NHDP Phase II is likely to be completed substantially by December, 2008. NHDP Phase IIIA is targeted to be completed by December, 2009. NHDP Phase III is targeted for completion by 2012.