

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:193

ANSWERED ON:06.12.2005

GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL PROJECT

Singh Shri Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan);Sippiparai Shri A. Ravichandran

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

- (a) whether any target date was fixed by the Government to complete the work pertaining to Golden Quadrilateral Project at the time of institution of Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount allocated for the Project;
- (c) whether the cost of the Project has escalated;
- (d) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons for the cost escalation;
- (e) whether any changes have been made in the Original Project; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the date by which Project work is likely to be completed?

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. 193 FOR ANSWER ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2005 ASKED BY SHRI RAVICHANDRAN SIPPIPARAI AND SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' REGARDING GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL PROJECT.

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) The project was originally targeted to be completed by 2003. The original estimated cost of Golden Quadrilateral Project at 1999 price was Rs. 25055 crores (excluding interest during construction and escalation). The expenditure as on 31.10.2005 on the project is Rs. 23,303.59 crore. The final cost indication would be arrived at only after completion of all projects. However it is estimated that the actual expenditure on the project will not differ much from the estimated cost, allowing for normal inflation.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) It is estimated that the Golden Quadrilateral Project would be substantially completed by June 2006.