

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2142
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CONSTRUCTION OF ALL WEATHER ROAD
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has planned to construct another two-lane all- weather road leading to Srinagar along the existing road as reported in Indian Express dated February 18, 2007';
- (b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein;
- (c) the details of the road tunnels that are required to be constructed;
- (d) the estimated expenditure on this project;
- (e) the time by which this project is likely to be completed; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a),(b)&(c) Widening of existing two-lane road to four-lane configuration of Pathankot -Srinagar section of National Highway-1A is approved under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase II as a part of North-South Corridor, out of which length falling in the state of Jammu & Kashmir is about 437 km. Details of road tunnels to be constructed are given at Annexure.
- (d) The estimated expenditure on this project is Rs.8394 crore.
- (e) Project is likely to be completed by December 2011 except for the construction of long tunnels which are likely to be completed by December 2013.
- (f) Works have been awarded for a length of nearly 114 km.The Detailed Project Report for balance length is being completed and the process of award of works has also been started.