

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

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CONTRACTS FOR GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL AND NS- EW CORRIDORS

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

- (a) whether the companies who were awarded contract for construction of golden quadrilateral and North-South and East-West corridors have completed their works in time;
- (b) the time and cost overrun of such works;
- (c) whether any action has been taken against such companies who could not complete the work in time; and
- (d) the time by which the Golden Quadrilateral project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. There have been some delays in completion of some contracts of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) and North South and East West (NS-EW) Corridors. The work of GQ is already completed to the extent of 98% and work of North-South and East-West Corridors are targeted for substantial completion by December, 2010. Escalations due to delay are paid as per contract provision. In case the project is delayed due to reasons attributable to the Contractor, liquidated damages are imposed and no escalation is paid. Escalations are paid only in case where the delay is beyond the control of the Contractor. The overall escalation and time overrun can only be estimated after completion of the projects.

(c) On the basis of review of performance of various contractors in implementing contract packages of GQ and NS-EW Corridors, 20 contracting firms (13 Indian and 7 Foreign Contractors) have been identified by NHAI as non-performing contractors. As per the policy of NHAI, the contractors put on the "non-performing" list are not pre-qualified for award of any future contract in NHAI until such time their performance improves in course of subsequent reviews. Apart from the above, 19 contracts of GQ and NS-EW Corridors have been terminated due to consistent non-performance of the contractors.

(d) Four-laning of entire GQ is targeted for completion by December, 2010.