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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS
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ANSWERED ON
NATIONAL ROAD PROJECTS .

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

- (a) when were the national road projects i.e. Golden Quadrilateral, East-West and North-West started, what was their road map for completion, what was projected financial outlay and what is their present status;
- (b) if their construction has been delayed, what is their anticipated completion schedule and the reasons for delay;
- (c) the cost escalation due to delay, project-wise; and
- (d) whether any enquiry has been conducted to fix accountability for delay and whether anyone has been punished?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI R. P. N. SINGH)

(a) In December, 2000 the Government approved the National Highways Development Project for a total length of 7498 km comprising Golden Quadrilateral (length 5846 km), parts of NS-EW corridor (length 981 km) and Port connectivity and other projects (length 671 km) for Rs. 30,300 crore. In December, 2003 the Government approved NS-EW corridor (length 6161 km) and other projects (length 486 km) for Rs. 34,339 crore. The GQ was originally targeted for completion by December, 2004 and NS-EW corridors by December 2007. The present status is enclosed as Annex.

(b) & (c) The projects have been delayed due to problems associated with land acquisition, shifting of utilities, obtaining environment, forest and railway clearances, poor performance of contractors, law and order problems in some states, etc. 99% of Golden Quadrilateral will be completed by May 2010 and NS-EW corridor is targeted for substantial completion by December 2010. The Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) contracts provide for variation and payment for escalation including escalation on extended completion period, where extension of time is granted due to delays not attributable to the Contractors.

(d) Does not arise.