

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

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CONSTRUCTION WORK ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY - 208  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the steps taken to start construction work from Quilon on National Highway-208 in this year; and
- (b) the progress made in the construction work of National Highway-208 during the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI, AVSM]

(a) & (b) : The NH-208 from Quilon (in Kerala) to Tirumangalam in ( Tamil Nadu) covering a distance of about 231 Km. was declared as National highway on 6.1.1999. Improvement of riding quality in Km. 63.2 Km. length has been completed during 1999-2000, and four works for improvement of carriageway, drainage, accident-prone section and providing road signs costing Rs.137 lakh have also been sanctioned during the same period. For improvement of riding quality in another 57.4 Km. of length a sum of Rs.868 Lakh has also been sanctioned for the year 2002-2001. Besides, there is a provision for widening to 2 lane standard in 5 Km. of length and reconstruction of damaged culvert, improvement to drainage at an estimated cost of Rs.187 lakh in the current Annual Plan 2000-2001 for which estimates are awaited from State P.W.D.