

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

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NATIONAL HIGHWAY NUMBER - 215
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the target date set for the completion of widening and improvement of National Highway Number 215;
- (b) the reasons for the slow progress; and
- (c) the steps taken for timely completion of the works?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDUR)]

(a) to (c) The length of NH No.215 is 269 Kms. At present, Ministry's priority is for improvement of riding quality of all National Highways. Accordingly, estimates for improvement of riding quality and periodical renewal have been sanctioned for an aggregate length of 222 Kms on this National Highway. Improvement of riding quality of balance length of 47 Kms is targeted for completion within the next two years. Widening to two lanes of this National Highway will be taken up in a phased manner after completion of improvement of riding quality programme, based on traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds.