

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3453  
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2002  
LOAN FROM ADB  
IQBAL AHMED SARADGI;PRAKASH V. PATIL

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

- (a) whether Government have recently received a loan \$ 320 million from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for refurbishing the national highways system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have drawn any action plan to utilise the loan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the East-West corridor and other highway projects in Maharashtra would benefited out of this ADB loan?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (F B.C.KHANDURI)

- (a) & (b) Government has recently negotiated with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for a loan of US \$ 320 million for upgradation of National Highways of 504 kms length of East-West Corridor.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Construction of the project is scheduled to commence by September, 2003.
- (e) No part of East-West Corridor is in the State of Maharashtra.