

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6511
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LOAN FOR WEST BENGAL CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government recently received US \$210 million loan for West Bengal Corridor Development Project;
- (b) if so, the total cost of the project and the details of central participation therein; and
- (c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total project cost estimate for National Highway component is Rs.1085.7 crores, of which Central Government will bear Rs.1027.89 crores. The loan component for National Highway component will be Rs.698.89 crores (US\$148.7 million) and the remaining Rs. 329 crores will be counterpart funding.

(c) The project is expected to be completed by 2007.