

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4148
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ROAD WORK RELATING TO FOUR LANING UNDER GQ PROJECT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a private company called AFCON has taken contract of the stretch between 340 km and 404 km from Devagiri Cross to Hubli in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it has given sub-contracts to other contractors to execute the road work relating to 4 laning under the Golden Quadrilateral Project;
- (d) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay in the said work; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The detail of the contract package undertaken by M/s AFCON APIL(JV) is given below :

Name of Package	NH No.	Length (Km.)	Contract price	Targeted date of completion
(Rs. in Crore)				
(Original)	(Revised)			
Haveri-Hubli				

(Km. 340 to 404)	4	64	183.65	31.12.2003	31.12.2005
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(c) : Yes, Sir. M/S AFCON APIL (JV) has given sub contract to specialised contractors for some part of work of specialised nature only as per provisions of the contract.

(d) : The main reasons for delay are :

- (i) delay on account of land acquisition ;
- (ii) delay on account of tree cutting and relocation of utilities;
- (iii) difficulty in getting aggregate of the requisite specification; and
- (iv) slow progress by the contractors due to the cash flow problems.

(e) : The steps taken by to speed up the work are :

- (i) the bottlenecks in land acquisition and utility shifting have been sorted out

and acquisition of land and shifting of utilities have nearly been completed;

(ii) financial help is being offered to the contractors for speedy completion of the work;

(iii) the contractor has inducted more senior engineers than in the past, plants and equipment to speed up the works;. and

(iv) the project is being closely reviewed by National Highways Authority of India and the Ministry.