

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to focus on rural roads and the implementation of the National Highways Development Project envisaged by the earlier Government will not be provided much financial assistance;
- (b) if so, whether 7300 km. which was to be taken up under Rs. 30,000 crores second phase of NHDP, the work on only 596 km. has been completed; and
- (c) if so, the main reasons behind the said decision ?

Answer

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

- (a) The Government is committed for the implementation of National Highways Development Project (NHDP). There is no proposal to reduce the financial assistance for implementation of NHDP.
- (b) Out of 7300 km of North-South and East-West Corridor, works of four laning on 638 km has been completed and works on 425 km is under implementation. The North-South and East-West corridors being taken up under Phase - II of the NHDP, are targeted for completion by December 2007.
- (c) Does not arise.