

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:36

ANSWERED ON:27.02.2008

DAMAGE TO NEWLY BUILT HIGHWAYS UNDER GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL PROJECT

Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

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

- (a) whether certain portions of the newly-built highways under the Golden Quadrilateral Project (GQP) in various parts of the country, especially in Karnataka, have caved in;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any investigation has been carried out and accountability fixed in this regard;
- (d) whether NHAI has adopted uniform technical parameters for laying roads under the GQP throughout the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the rationale behind it?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 36 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH FEBRUARY, 2008 ASKED BY SHRI G.M. SIDDESWARA REGARDING DAMAGE TO NEWLY BUILT HIGHWAYS UNDER GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL PROJECT.

(a) and (b) There have been two instances of subsidence of a portion of Golden Quadrilateral. In one instance, a 110 m length of reinforced earth (RE) wall in the approaches to a Road Over Bridge (ROB) in km.19/100 of NH-6 in West Bengal had subsided on 9th February, 2006 which was repaired by the contractor. In another instance in January, 2007, a length of 450m of NH-2 near Asansol had subsided due to collapse of underground column of abundant coal mines which were rebuilt. There is no subsidence reported in the State of Karnataka.

(c) For the first instance, the contractor was found liable and the repair was got done at his cost. The second instance was an accident, for which nobody was responsible.

(d) and (e) Yes Sir. Uniform technical parameters have been adopted for all the works of National Highways Authority of India (NHA) including the GQ projects as per technical specifications of Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways, Indian Roads Congress Guidelines and sound engineering practices.