

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

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FLYOVER CORRIDORS FOR ELEPHANTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to build a flyover corridors for elephants to link major pilgrim towns through Haridwar and Rishikesh in Uttarakhand as reported in the Times of India dated 07 January, 2009;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the fund allocated for the purpose alongwith the time by which the proposed corridors are likely to be completed; and
- (d) the benefits likely to accrue as a results thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a) &(b) Yes,Sir.The four lanning of Muzaffarnagar-Haridwar-Dehradun section of NH-58 & NH-72 is being taken up under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) phase-III on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis.This project passes through Rajaji National Park and Elephant flyover/underpass corridors are proposed in National Park Area.
- (c) No fund is allocated for construction for Elephant flyover corridors as they are to be construction on BOT basis. The project is being taken up on BOT with construction period of 30 months, however, no response has been received during instant bidding process.It is too early to indicate the likely date of completion of project.
- (d) The road users will pass through this area without disturbing the wild life of the Rajaji National Park.