

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

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DELAY IN COMPLETION OF GQ PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the original target set for completion of the Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) projects alongwith the revised schedule for the same;
- (b) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons for the delay;
- (c) if so, the details alongwith action taken by the Government/NHAI to complete the project as per the revised schedule;
- (d) whether the quality of roads constructed under the GQ projects are sub-standard; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken to ensure compliance of quality control norms in the construction of roads etc.?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R. P. N. SINGH)

- (a) The Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) projects were originally targeted for completion by December, 2003. GQ is 99% completed and all projects are scheduled to be completed by October, 2011.
- (b) & (c) Delay in completion of project is mainly due to poor performance of some contractors which resulted in termination of contracts. In respect of some portion of NH-5 of GQ, the work was affected due to litigation leading to delay in obtaining blasting license and renewal of quarry lease. The terminated contracts have been re-awarded.
- (d) & (e) No Sir. All projects under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) are constructed as per quality standards specified in Indian Roads Congress (IRC) / Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (M/o RT&H) specifications and guidelines. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has appointed supervision consultants / independent engineers who closely monitor the quality of construction through regular checks and tests. In addition, construction of roads is also closely monitored by the field officers of NHAI at project site.