

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:332  
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FOUR LANING OF NH-5  
Sethi Shri Arjun Charan

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

- (a) whether four laning of National Highway No.5 is yet to be completed though the work began in the year 2001-2002;
- (b) if so, the reasons for delay; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to complete the work expeditiously?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) The total length of 1458 km of National Highway-5 in the State of Tamil Nadu, Andhara Pradesh and Orissa is being improved to four lane standard as part of Golden Quadrilateral. The four laning in the States of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh in an aggregate length of 1067.40 km has already been completed. Out of remaining 390.60 km length which is in Orissa, 83.50 km length still remains to be improved to four lane. The reason for delay is that the original contracts had to be terminated due to non-performance on 3 contract packages namely, Ichhapuram-Ganjam, Ganjam-Sunakhala and Bhadrak-Balasore and subsequent litigations by the terminated contractors. The balance work of Ichhapuram-Ganjam and Bhadrak-Balasore has now been awarded and the work is in progress. For Ganjam-Sunakhala package, National Highways Authority of India has taken action to finalise bids for award of balance work. There is also procedural delay in allotment of quarries by State Government and Stay Order by Orissa High Court on crushing operations.