

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

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FOUR LANE NHS IN NER
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the progress of construction of four lane NHs in the North-Eastern Region (NER) is unexpectedly slow;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the targeted date of completion of the project in NER;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take any action to complete the project originally scheduled in the NER;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the revised target to complete the project;
- (e) whether the Government has enquired the reasons for slow progress of the project; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a), (b), (e) & (f): Yes Madam, the 4-laning of 670 Km length of various National Highways as part of the East West Corridor, by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), under the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) Phase-II in Assam has been slow mainly due to delay in land acquisition, utility shifting, forest clearance and tree cutting by the concerned Departments of the State Government. In addition, execution of five civil packages aggregating to about in 30km length in North Cachar(N.C.) hills district have been delayed due to law and order problems, which has resulted in foreclosure of the original Contract and re-tendering for the balance work. The target date of completion of the project is Dec, 2012, except for the projects in NC hills district which are now targeted for completion by April, 2014.

(c) & (d): To expedite the acquisition of land, utility shifting, forest clearance and tree cutting, a State Level Co-ordination Committee has been constituted to regularly monitor the various activities to overcome the delay. In order to expedite the completion of the project, the progress is being monitored by Chairman, NHAI & Member (Project), NHAI on a regular basis. A Regional office of National Highways Authority of India has also been set up Guwahati to co-ordinate with the various Departments of the State Governments and to monitor the progress of work under implementation by the Project Implementation Unit of NHAI.