GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1595 ANSWERED ON:03.12.2012 RENOVATION OF CHILAKALURIPETA VIJAYAWADA STRETCH ON NH-5 Lagadapati Shri Rajagopal

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

(a) whether there is any delay in the renovation of Chilakaluripeta-Vijaywada Stretch (83 Km.) on National Highway (NH) No. 5;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the present status of the project; and

(c) the cost escalations in the said project caused due to delay and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) to (c) 6-laning of Chilakapuripet-Vijayawada stretch of NH-5 could not be completed on scheduled date of completion and the main reasons for delay in this project are delays due to acquisition of land, shifting of religious structures, utility shifting etc, poor mobilisation of resources by the concessionaire, delay in approval of Road Over Bridge (ROB), keeping of 14.5 km stretch in abeyance due to issue of Chilakaluripet bypass and related disputes in Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh. The project is being executed on Built-Operate-Transfer (BOT) (Toll) under Design-Built-Finance- Operate-Transfer (DBFOT) pattern and no direct cost escalation impact is there for the Government/ National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). The project is likely to be completed by May 2014.