

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

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DELAY IN GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL
Kothapalli Smt. Geetha

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

- (a) whether there is delay in completion of the various phases of national highways development projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons there for, phase-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken to avoid such delays in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Some National Highway projects under various phases of National Highways Development Projects (NHDP) have been delayed mainly due to land acquisition, utility shifting, non availability of soil/ aggregates, poor performance of contractors, environment/forest/wildlife clearance, ROB & RUB issue with Railways, public agitation for additional facilities, arbitration/contractual disputes with contractors etc. The State-wise and NHDP Phase wise delayed projects are annexed.

(c) To expedite completion of these projects various steps have been taken which include streamlining of land acquisition, streamlining of environment clearances, exit for equity investors, premium re-schedulement, securitization of road sector loans, close coordination with other Ministries, revamping of dispute resolution mechanism, frequent reviews at various levels etc. NHAI has decided not to award projects till all pre-construction approvals are in-place for the project to avoid post bid delays and litigations.