## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3945 ANSWERED ON:13.08.2015 Widening of NH-58 Lekhi Smt. Meenakashi

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

(a) whether the govt is aware that National Highway No. 58 connecting Delhi to Rishikesh is in very bad condition due to widening of the stretch;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in completion; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) Four-laning of NH-58 from Muzaffarnagar to Nepali Farm is in progress and is being implemented by the National Highways Authority of India(NHAI). Out of 97 Km length, construction of new 2-lane in 43 Km has already been completed. Four-laning of NH-58 from Nepali Farm to Rishikesh is also in progress which is being implemented through PWD, Government of Uttarakhand. These sections of NH-58 is being maintained in traffic worthy condition.

(b) & (c) There is delay in completion of four laning work between Muzaffarnagar and Nepali Farm, which is due to delay in land acquisition and financial problem, inadequate plant & machinery and improper planning on the part of the Concessionaire. Based on the progress of work, NHAI has agreed to release a grant of Rs. 210 crore to the Concessionaire for this project out of which Rs. 55 crore has already been released in April, 2015 to expedite the work.

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