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Title: Regarding construction of highways in the state of Meghalaya.

SHRI VINCENT H. PALA (SHILLONG): Mr. Chairman, Sir, this is to highlight the fact and bring it to the notice of the Honourable Minister of Road Transport & Highways that the following stretches of roads under SARDP-NE Phase 'A' have been approved in-principle and declared as new Highways in the State of Meghalaya: Nongstoin-Mawait-Nongjri (75 km) and Dkhiah-Sutnga-Saipung-Moulsei (84 km).

However, it has been five years since the approval was made, yet no road development has been seen as promised. Our people are facing a lot of issues due to this as it is getting difficult to commute to places because of the lack of adequate connectivity. Not just this, the slow progress of road construction has also halted the economic activities around the area.

I would appreciate if you could send a Central Team to decide on the said issue and initiate actions to improve roads in the State of Meghalaya and speed up the construction process using innovative techniques at the earliest.