

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

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LINKING WITH NH - 2
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Kharagpur to Raniganj via Mejia (NH-60) in West Bengal is linked with NH-2.e Panjabi More (Raniganj) to Moregram via Pandabeswar;
- (b) If so, the extent to which the distance is less from South Bengal to North Bengal;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to link Kharagpur to Balasore (Orissa) with National Highway to lesser the distance from Southern States to Northern States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RET KHANDURI, AVSM)

- (a) Kharagpur to Raniganj via Mejia (NH-60) in West Bengal is linked with NH-2 but from Panjabi More (Raniganj) on NH-2 to Moregram on NH-34 via Pandabeswar is not linked . Panjabi More (Raniganj) on NH-2 to Moregram on NH-34s linked via Panagarh-Dubrajpur- Siuri-Rampurhat.
- (b) The distance from Kharagpur to Moregram via Mejia-Pandabeswar is 294 Km and the distance from Kharagpur to Moregram via Panagarh-Dubrajpur- Siuri-Rampurhat is 346 Km. The distance therefore from Kharagpur(South Bengal) to Moregram(North Bengal) via Mejia - Pandabeswar is less to the extent of 52 Km.
- (c)&(d) The reach from Kharagpur to Balasore (Orissa) is a part of NH-60 and is being four laned as segment of Golden Quadrilateral and is targeted for completion by December, 2003. The Golden Quadrilateral is planned to link the four metropolitan cities of New Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai by shortest distance .