

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:213
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2003
CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW NATIONAL HIGHWAY
SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY

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

- (a) whether the Government have contemplated to construct a new National Highway starting from Lalai in Bhutan to NH-31, Bijni (eastern side of Aie river bridge) via Amteka, Kailamaila, Subhajihar, Dogorpara and Mongolian bazaar as a measure of opening a new link road between Bhutan and India through tribal dominated areas of Assam;
- (b) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government have proposals to convert the link roads, viz. Gaylegphu-Samtaibari, Shorbhang-Bismuri, Sandrupjunker-Rangia and Bhairabkhunda-Udalguri into National Highways;
- (e) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard;
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (g) whether the Ministry of External Affairs has received the adequate amount of the requisite fund from the Government to complete the new National Highway project to be constructed from Nanglam in Bhutan to Pathsala connecting at NH-31 in Assam;
- (h) if so, the amount of the Central Fund received so far for the project and the present status of the implementation of the project works; and
- (i) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) There is no proposal to declare any new National Highway due to fund constraints.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) There is no proposal to declare any new National Highway due to fund constraints.
- (g), (h) &
- (i) An amount of Rs. 28.47 crores has already been allocated for construction of Bhutan portion of Pathsala-Nanglam Road with single lane specification.