

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5648
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2005
CHECK POST ON BANGLADESH BORDER
Chakraborty Shri Ajay

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that infrastructural facility at Ghojhadanga check-post bordering Bangladesh under Badirhat sub-division of North 24 Parganas district in West Bengal is in dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether large volume of goods are being imported/exported to/from Bangladesh everyday through this border and is unable to withstand large volumes of traffic including big trucks resulting in big jams and frequent accidents;
- (d) if so, the details of the Government measures taken for the repair and widening of this important road;
- (e) whether the Ministry is considering to enhance the infrastructural facilities at this check-post; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and by when?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (f): Yes Sir, it is a fact that the infrastructural facilities at Ghojhadanga Land Custom Station are not in good condition. As per the information made available from the DGCIS, in the year 2003-2004, exports worth Rs.197.95 crores and imports worth Rs.0.14 crores took place through this notified Land Custom Station. The present approach road is too narrow for the easy plying of small, medium and six wheeled carriers of goods. The road needs to be repaired to ensure smoother movement of transport vehicles. The Government intends to improve the infrastructural facilities in a phased manner at all Land Custom Stations, including Ghojhadanga, based on their importance from the trade point of view.