

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3471
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ALIGNMENT OF EAST WEST CORRIDOR
Barman Shri Hiten

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has got clearance on the detailed project report from the Ministry of Environment and Forests for completion of the balance work in the sections of NH 31 and NH 31C with regard to the finalized alignment of the East-West Corridor within North Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof;
- (d) the stage at which the project stands at present;
- (e) whether the Ministry has started after obtaining the clearance from the M/o Environment and Forests the survey and investigations for the existing alignment of NH 31 and NH 31C;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) if not, the reasons thereof; and
- (h) the current position of the project at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (h) Preparation of DPR for 4-laning of sections of NH-31(km 551-634) & NH-31C (km 105-223) has not been completed, since the notified alignment of East-West Corridor in the State of West Bengal passes through Wild Life Sanctuaries/National Parks at some places. Proposal for carrying out Survey & Investigation (S&I) for the existing alignment of NH-31 & NH-31C had been submitted to Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) for necessary clearance. The proposal of NHA was discussed during the meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life on 6.04.05 and it was decided to get the survey of the area done through an experts` team. The experts` team has already visited the project area. The project is held up for want of clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forests for carrying out survey and investigations.