

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

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DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF MANGALDOI BHUTIACHANG ROAD
Borkataky Shri Narayan Chandra

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

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- (a) whether the Mangaldoi Bhutiachang (MB Road) which goes upto the border of Bhutan is in a dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for construction and repair of the Road;
- (d) if so, the estimated cost of the project; and
- (e) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Mangaldoi Bhutiachang (MB Road) is a State road and the Ministry is not directly responsible for its repairs. The Government of Assam has informed that, except 2.5 km out of total 61.5 km length of this road, the entire road is in dilapidated condition as proper maintenance could not be undertaken by the State Government due to paucity of funds. The Government of Assam has also informed that construction of 8 RCC bridges is under progress against an estimated amounting to Rs. 684.70 lakhs approved under Non Lapsable Central Pool Resources (NLCPR) during 2004 and an amount of Rs. 150 lakhs has been sanctioned for improvement of the road under State Annual Plan and 12th Finance Commission has awarded an amount of Rs. 30 lakhs during 2006-07 for repairs of this road.

(c)&(d) The State Government of Assam has informed that they are under process of submission to Government of India a proposal amounting to Rs. 44.89 crore for improvement of the road under Non Lapsable Central Pool Resources (NLCPR).

(e) Does not arise.