

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

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NHAI ACTIVITIES IN NE REGION
Tasa Shri Kamakhya Prasad

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal for opening of Tinsukia-Tezu-Walong-Rima route to China;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with existing National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) projects in North-East and status thereof;
- (c) the time by which the East-West corridor of the National Highway likely to be completed;
- (d) the details of problem occurred between Hablong and Silchar in the East-West Corridor; and
- (e) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) & (c) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has taken up development of about 670 km length of East-West Corridor in Assam. Out of this, about 540 km have already been completed. The remaining length is targeted to be completed by 30th June, 2015. Besides this, total length of about 215km of NH-40 & NH-44 in Meghalaya have been taken up under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North-East (SARDP-NE) by NHAI and about 93km has been completed. Further, a total length of about 94km of NH-36 & NH-39 has been taken up by NHAI, in Nagaland under SARDP-NE.

(d) & (e) The problems occurred between Hablong and Silchar in the East-West Corridor are in land acquisition, utility shifting, frequent bandhs, poor law & order condition, inadequate deployment of manpower & machinery by contractors in certain cases, problems in forest clearance etc. To speed up the progress, regular co-ordination with State Government has taken place to expedite handing over of hindrance-free land and resolution of other issues on priority.