

Title: Need to convert Mariani-Mokokchung-Tuensang road in Nagaland into a double-lane road for all-round development of the region.

SHRI K.A. SANGTAM (NAGALAND): Sir, an important and strategic single-lane road in the eastern most region, which passes through Mokokchung, Tuensang and Zunebhuto districts of Nagaland State, serves as a life-line of communication for the people of this region. This road is of great significance for the people of these hilly areas as it connects these districts with the plains of Assam. This road, having an overall length of 185 kms, originates from NH-37 at Jorhat in Assam to Tuensang *via* Mariani-Mokokchung-Chare. This road was originally constructed by the Border Roads Organisation to single-lane specifications during the year 1973. But over a period, the traffic intensity on this road has increased manifold. This road, however, poses severe problems in the movement of heavy vehicles due to single-lane road width, hill section, limited radius of curvature and increased traffic intensity/volume. Problems in movement of heavy vehicles is affecting the overall economic development of these districts severely due to increased cost of transportation and limited load carrying capacity of the road.

I would request the Government of India to improve the Mariani-Mokokchung-Tuensang road by converting it into a double-lane which would play a vital role in socio-economic development of this area and all round prosperity of the people.