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Title : Regarding need for implementation of certain National Highways and water ways projects in West Bengal.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (TAMLUK): Growth of economy depends on improvement of road, waterways and air connectivity. West Bengal is lagging behind in all spheres. Potentiality of industrialization of trade, commerce and tourism in West Bengal are not being exploited due to lack of connectivity.

Therefore, I would urge upon Hon'ble Ministers of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways and Civil Aviation to take steps for implementation of the following projects at an early date:-

1. Extension of NH-41 upto NH-117 including construction of bridge over Hoogly river between Kukarahati Highway.
2. Declaration of Road stretching from NH-41 at Nandakumar to Digha, an important tourist site as National Highway.
3. Declaration of Road stretching from Morgram to NH-41 at Radhamani via Bardhaman, Arambag, Ghatal, Daspur and Mechogram, Panskura as National Highway.
4. Declaration of East Coast Canal along river Bhahamani, Mahananda, Delta, Rupnarayan at Geonkhali as National Waterway.
5. Inclusion of Ashuganj as port of call under Indo-Bangladesh protocol on ITW and Trade.
6. Setting up to Inland Waterways terminal at Haldia.
7. Dredging of Navigational Channel from Haldia to Allahabad.
8. De-siltation of River Haldia and Rupnarayan estuaries of river Hoogly.
9. Deep Water Port between Haldia and Digha cargo and passenger.
10. Cargo and passenger airport at Haldia.