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Title: Need to release funds for the proper repair and maintenance of road on Malidahar-Churaibari Section of NH-44 in Barak Valley, Assam.

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SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA (SILCHAR): The N.H.-44 is an important and the busiest road of Barak Valley in Assam. This road was taken over from the Border Roads Organization (BRO) on 27 July 2009 by the PWD NH Division. The Malidahar to Churaibari portion of the NH-44 falls in the Barak Valley. Present condition of the above said portion is very deplorable. Particularly, from the point of P.W.D. (R. Roads) Sub-Division to Malidahar (Baleswar) Bridge Point the road is in a bad shape due to lack of timely maintenance. It has been mentioned that after 7 (seven) long years i.e. 2001-2002 to 2007-2008, the bituminous work was done from PWD (R. Roads) Sub-Division point to Koroti Bridge under the supervision of Border Road Task Force (BRTF). But due to mixing of L.D. oil with bituminous this work could not last for more than six months even from the date of its completion. As per the status Report of the Department one FDR estimate of an amount of Rs. 2.88 crores has already been sent to the Ministry for immediate sanction and release. It is learnt that money was sanctioned but the work has not yet been started causing severe problems to not only the people of Barak Valley but also to the people in the states of Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

I demand immediate release of funds and the completion of the above work on war footing.