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Title: Need to expedite construction of portion of the East-West Corridor Project in Assam.

SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA (SILCHAR): It is a matter of much despair that the progress of Assam portion of the Silchar-Sourashtra Mahasadak (East-West Corridor) is lagging behind like other projects. This project is declared as the National Project by the Government of India in the year 2004 and foundation stone at Silchar was also laid in 2004 with a firm decision of commissioning the same in 2009. The total length of Assam Portion is 672 kms., out of which, only 363 kms. stretch has been completed so far. Always it is said that the main obstacles on the way of progress of work are Law and Order situation, Land acquisition and will of the State Government. As this is a declared National project, Central Government should take initiative to complete the project. As regards land acquisition, the Central Government should take up the matter with the State Government to expedite the matter.

I urge upon both the Governments Central and State to remove obstacles and complete the construction work in war footing and commission the Assam Portion of East-West Corridor within the stipulated time i.e. December, 2013 as has been assured by the authority concerned.