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Title : Need for expansion and four-laning of N.H. 34 in West Bengal.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMMPUR): National Highway 34 originating from Kolkata is regarded as a lifeline for the State of West Bengal. In addition, it serves as a medium of trade and transport to North Eastern Region. But the fact is that N.H. - 34 which was built decades ago is not good enough to bear the load of thousands of vehicles plying on it. It has resulted in the deterioration of the highway, traffic snarls and daily accidents. When Government is putting emphasis on the infrastructural development, I think expansion and four-laning of N.H. - 34 which has been due for years together should be given high priority. N.H.-34 passes through the Central and Northern districts of West Bengal which are backward in all respects. Expansion of N.H.-34 may bring about economic prosperity to the agro-based districts of West Bengal.