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Title : Need to undertake repair and maintenance of National Highways in West Bengal.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY) : As you are aware a number of National Highways cover West Bengal. For example, NH-2 is popularly known as Delhi-Kolkata Road. It is a busy National Highway. Out of 1,465 KM stretch from Delhi to Kolkata of NH-2, 235 Km is located in West Bengal. This complete stretch has been damaged, most affected area being Tamdudia Block. Other National Highways like NH 31, NH 31C, NH 31D, NH-34, NH-55 are entirely within the State of West Bengal. NH-6 is also a busy National Highway. Because of bad condition of this National Highway a number of accidents have been taking place resulting in loss of lives and property inconvenient to road users cannot be explained. Bad patches in most of the places, water getting clogged in innumerable potholes can be seen in the entire stretch of all the National Highways. The long lists of National Highways falling under West Bengal has one common factor that is of extensive damage. There has been a constant request from the Government of West Bengal for improving the condition of National Highways that pass through West Bengal. I would like to fervently appeal to the Government to ensure that repair and maintenance of above said National Highways should be carried out all through the year. These efforts on the part of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways would go a long way in the progress, prosperity and development of West Bengal.