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Title: Need to repair and maintain the roads between Siliguri and Maynaguri on N H No. 30 and Maynaguri to Cooch Behar on NH No. 31 in West Bengal.

SHRI NRIPENDRA NATH ROY (COOCH BEHAR): Mr. Chairman, thank you for giving me this opportunity.

It is a painful matter that I wish to bring to the notice of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways as also the National Highways Authority of India through this august House. Even after several correspondences having been made in respect of maintenance and repair works of the dilapidated National Highway 31D between Siliguri and Maynaguri and National Highway 31 from Maynaguri to Coochbehar, including two main bridges, namely, Teesta bridge on NH 31D and Jaldhaka bridge on NH 31, they are mostly in neck-break condition with large potholes everywhere. As a result, the total traffic movement on these highways has been jeopardized. Several accidents are occurring daily, but the Ministry is not hearing us and no fruitful action has been taken by the Authority so far. Further, I want to mention that these National Highways are the only connecting roads between the northeast and the rest of India.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Ministry to take suitable action on this request and earmark and release a substantial fund so that the repair and maintenance work on NH 31D and NH31 as also on the two bridges can be done immediately.

महोदय, यह उत्तर बंगाल का मामला है। मेरी मांग है कि जल्दी-जल्दी मंत्री जी से बोलिए कि यह नैशनल हाइवे है, इसे ठीक करवाइए क्योंकि यह नार्थ-ईस्ट इंडिया का प्रवेश द्वार है - सिलीगुड़ी से माइनागुड़ी, माइनागुड़ी से कूच बिहार। यही मेरी मांग है।