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Title: Need for widening of National Highway No. 52 passing through Assam.

SHRI RAMEN DEKA (MANGALDOI): Sir, I rise to raise a very important matter regarding my Constituency, Mangaldoi as well as Assam.

The East-West Corridor passes through my Constituency from Nalbari to Guwahati. The work is progressing at snails pace. There is haphazard traffic. It is very difficult to cover 30 kilometres up to Guwahati. Sometimes, it takes three hours to reach there. The people are facing many problems. The fate of the second bridge in Brahmaputra is the same. It is not coming up. The work is very slow at the circle in Jhalukbari which is also a part of East-West Corridor. The work is very slow. So, I demand the Government, through you, that the work should be taken up fast so that the people can get the benefits of the communication system.

Another point is, NH-52 is passing through my constituency from Baihata Chariani via Mazbat and it touches Arunachal Pradesh. It is a two-lane National Highway.

So, I urge upon the Government to take up this Highway and construct as a four-lane one so that the people can move freely because this is the lifeline of north bank of Brahmaputra. This is the only Highway which connects Arunachal Pradesh to my constituency from Baihata Chariani to Tezpur. This is a two-lane road and it should be widened from the strategic point of view also because China border is nearby this area and it will be very difficult to move the Army personnel in the case of any eventuality.

In view of this, I urge upon the Government through you to take up these two issues so that the people can enjoy the fruits of the communication system.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Shri Arjun Meghwal may be allowed to associate with the issue raised by Shri Raman Deka.