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Title: Need to release adequate funds for the various development schemes in Katihar Parliamentary constituency, Bihar.

SHRI TARIQ ANWAR (KATIHAR): Hon. Speaker, I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House towards my Parliamentary constituency, Katihar, Bihar, which is economically and educationally backward. Due to poor infrastructure, non-availability of sufficient mode of communication, and poor condition of roads, sharp increase in poverty has been registered.

I would also like to draw the attention towards long delayed and tardy construction work of NH-81, which is going on for the last three decades, and still not completed. National Highway No.81 which stretches from Bihar to West Bengal *via* Katihar, will not only facilitate the inhabitants of Katihar but also the people living in the surrounding areas.

I, therefore, request all the concerned Ministries to kindly take a note of the above issues and release/grant adequate amount under various schemes for the development of this area.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Jai Prakash Narayan Yadav – not present.