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Title: Need to complete construction work on Chhapra-Hajipur Section of National Highway No. 19 in Bihar

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (SARAN): National Highway NH-19 is one of the busiest National Highways in India that links Ghazipur in Uttar Pradesh with Patna in Bihar. This 240 km long route passes through Chhapra, Sonapur and Hajipur sections of Bihar which is predominately a rural belt.

With regard to NH-19, the completion of Chhapra-Hajipur section of the Highway has been inordinately delayed for over 4 years due to problems in land acquisition, shifting of utilities, delay in approval from Railways and more so due to the poor performance of contractors.

These delays have had a cascading effect on the overall progress of the rural population living in the regions nearby. Upon completion, the project will prove to be beneficial to a large rural agrarian population covering over 300 villages in 4 districts of Bihar.

In view of this, I request the Union Government to make rigorous effort to complete the ongoing NH-19 project at the earliest by taking up periodical reviews with State Government Officers, concessionaires, other concerned departments and also review the pace of work by the contractors to expedite the NH 19 completion.