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Title: Demand to construct a national highway from Barasat to Hemnagar via Berachampa, Basishat, Hasanabad and Hingalganj for the development of Sunderbans.

**SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN (BASIRHAT):** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I am thankful to you for giving me this opportunity to raise an important and urgent matter.

My Parliamentary Constituency, Basirhat, is a very important area in terms of national security as it is adjacent to the Bangladesh border and there are a lot of BSF camps situated over there. It is also the Gateway to Sunderbans. For better communication, increase of export-import, and to promote tourism in Sunderbans and Taki, it is very important that we construct a national highway from Barasat to Hemnagar *via* Berachampa, Basirhat, Hasnabad and Hingalganj, which is more than 100 kilometres distance.

Sir, this whole stretch is a very backward area. So, construction of national highway will contribute to the economic development and growth. Thus, I would request the Government to kindly accept my proposal and make sure that we have a national highway in that area. Thank you.