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Title: Regarding making operational land customs station in Nampong in Arunachal Pradesh - Laid.

**SHRI TAPIR GAO (ARUNACHAL EAST):** Pangsau Pass near Nampong Town in Changlang District in eastern Arunachal Pradesh is a historic Pass. The Pass connects eastern Arunachal Pradesh and Upper Assam with Sagaing Region of Myanmar. Recognising the trading potential of the area, a Land Customs Station was opened in Nampong in Arunachal Pradesh on 04.06. 2010 with authorized route as Ledo - Tirap - Nampong- Pangsau Pass Road.

But regrettably, the Land Customs Station is non-functional as of now as there is no trade through this station. The last movement of goods through this route was in 1962. Therefore, the trade and commerce potential of the region has not been tapped so far. In order to boost the trade and commerce between Myanmar and northeastern region, it is very important to re-start trade and commerce activities in the region by activating the Land Customs Station at Nampong near Pangsau Pass. Hence, through this august house I would like to appeal to the Union Government to re-start the Land Customs Station as soon as possible and give thrust to border trade at Pangsau pass, in line with Act East Policy of the Union Government.

It is also felt that the Stilwell Road, if re-opened will not only connect North East India to Kunming in China but also help in connecting North East to Bangkok and other Southeast Asian countries as there is a bifurcation from the Stilwell road which leads to Mandalay and then on to Bangkok.

The border area of Sagaing Region in Myanmar and Nampong area of Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh on the Indian side are both under developed regions of the two countries and, therefore, development of trade and commerce will improve the local economy of these areas of both the countries.

As of now, two lane highway has been built on the Indian side of the border till Pangsau Pass and Government of India has declared it as National Highway no. 315. The road on the Myanmar side needs improvement.

As a goodwill gesture and mutual cooperation effort, I appeal to the Union Government to consider improving the road on the Myanmar side till the nearest Land Customs Station at Tamai, located 66 kilometers away from Pangsau Pass as it has been done in Moreh Sector of Manipur.