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Title: Need to address the problem of regular traffic jam on NH-31 from Siliguri to Dhupguri in West Bengal.

**DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY (JALPAIGURI):** Sir, the regular traffic jam on NH-31 from Siliguri to Dhupguri particularly from Jalpaiguri to Mainaguri through Teesta bridge is a regular feature.

The NH-31 is a stretch of about 80 kilometres starting from Siliguri to Dhupguri. Currently, construction work is going on and it has been found that due to the construction work for the past few months, traffic jam is a usual phenomenon. Due to this, people using the NH-31 including the students, ambulances, patients, army buses, all are suffering a lot to reach their destination on time.

Further, NH-31 is also crucial as it connects the entire north-eastern region with West Bengal.

Considering the importance of NH-31, I would like to request the hon. Minister to kindly expedite the work to avoid any daily traffic jam on NH-31.