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## Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding construction of bridge and new National highway in Raiganj Parliamentary Constituency.

SUSHRI DEBASREE CHAUDHURI (RAIGANJ): Sir, I would like to draw the kind attention of the Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways towards road connectivity between Raiganj, Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal and Barsoi- Katihar in Bihar, by constructing a bridge at Makra Ghat.

This work has the scope to strengthen the trade relations, provide the medical infrastructure to the people and to improve the business sector also between the States of West Bengal and Bihar. The road between Raiganj in West Bengal and Barsoi in Bihar is vital for the overall development of Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, and Katihar Districts.

By constructing the bridge and new National Highway Road connecting the bridge, people from Bihar would also get easy access up to Bangladesh (connecting through National Highway-12 and others) which would further strengthen trade relations between the two neighbouring Countries and help in development of people of the region. This is one of the most important and long-lasting demands of the people in my Raiganj Parliamentary Constituency. Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to intervene in the matter for the development of the above-mentioned road, which will definitely benefit the States of West Bengal and Bihar in general and the development of Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur and Katihar Districts in particular.

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