

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1279
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NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Eastern Region is neglected in case of National Highway other than western, southern and central;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of allocation made during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 among four regions;
- (d) the details of fund allocated for National Highways from Barakar to Durgapur and Surgapur to Burdwan in West Bengal;
- (e) whether there is any scope for nationalisation of highways from Midnapur to Durgapur via Bankura, Beliatare or Midnapur to Raniganj via Bankura, Mejia; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI, AVSM)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The allocation is made State-wise and not region-wise.
- (d) An amount of Rs.48.00 crore has been allocated for Barakar to Raniganj project in West Bengal during 2000-2001. The National Highway project from Raniganj to Durgapur and from Durgapur to Burdwan is entrusted to NHAI and they have allocated the funds of Rs.88.50 crore for these projects during 2000-2001.
- (e)&(f): The stretch between Midnapur to Raniganj via Bankura and Mejia has already been declared as NH 60. There is no proposal for declaration of road from Bankura to Durgapur as National Highway.