

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

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PROGRESS OF NHAI IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made so far in the work of NHAI in North Bengal of West Bengal ;
- (b) whether the Government is facing any difficulty on the NHAI project in North Bengal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has got clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests for NHAI in North Bengal;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the action plan of the government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H MUNIYAPPA)

(a) The status of NHAI projects in North Bengal of West Bengal is as under:

- (i) Total length 330.85 km
- (ii) Four laned - 23 km
- (iii) Four laning under progress - 23.85 km
- (iv) Balance to be undertaken - 284 km of which Detailed Project for 83 km has been completed.

(b) to (f) The Detailed Project Report for the balance sections of NH 31 (km 551 to km 634) and NH 31C (km 105 to km 223) of the finalized alignment of the East-West corridor within North Bengal was taken up by NHAI but could not be completed due to lack of clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF). Proposal for carrying out survey and investigation for the existing alignment of NH-31 and NH-31C has been submitted to MoEF for clearance, which is still awaited.