

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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UNIT UNDER NATRIP
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a unit of National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project started functioning at Borkhola in the district of Cachar, Assam;
- (b) if so, whether necessary infrastructure for the purpose is available for the unit;
- (c) if so, whether the government proposes to develop this as an Auto Hub;
- (d) if so, the latest status of the project and the time by which this may take proper shape; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a): A unit of National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project, named as Hill Driving Training Institute has started functioning at Dholchora near Silchar town in Cachar District, Assam.
- (b): This unit has Hill Driving Track, Driving Simulator for training on virtual road and facility building for imparting class room training on various road signages.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Question does not arise.
- (e): The reasons inter-alia include lack of auto industry in and around Cachar District, at present.