

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

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NH-117
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NH-117 was planned and decision to implement it by NHA was taken to provide better and direct road connectivity to Sunderban area of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether despite all the necessary clearances, the work on this project is not in progress at all;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c) to (e): NH-117 from Kolkata to Bakkhali in West Bengal has been declared as National Highways in February, 2004 and entrusted with State PWD, West Bengal since its declaration. The improvement of this NH to NH standard has been taken up under this Ministry's budgetary resources in phased manner through State PWD, West Bengal since its declaration/entrustment. The entire road is now improved to 2-lane standard except major bridge on river Hatania-Doania at km 112.5 near Namkhana. Presently there is no bridge across this river.