

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6049  
ANSWERED ON:14.05.2012  
EW CORRIDOR  
Purkayastha Shri Kabindra

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

- (a) whether the Government has declared East West (EW) Corridor i.e. Silchar Soweastra Mahasadak in 1998 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the length of the Assam Portion of that project and the details of the length in kilometre that have been completed so far;
- (c) whether in the package No. 14 spanning length of 31 Km. between Balacherra and Harangajao, the construction work has not yet been started and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the reasons for handing over the work of package No. 14 to Assam PWD whereas all the remaining works are being done by NHAI and funded by the Central Government;
- (e) whether there is any problem with regard to the approval of the Pollution Control Board; and
- (f) if so, the officials responsible for this dilatory process and the action being taken against the erring departments?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (f) Yes, Madam, Total length of 3640 Km. Total length 670 Km under East West Corridor in Assam and length of 409.72 Km completed so far. 4-laning of the stretch of 31km between Balacherra and Harangajao could not be taken up by NHAI as the Clearance for Borail Wild Life sanctuary and Borail Reserve Forest, is awaited from Ministry of Environment and Forests. Pending clearances, 2 laning of this 31km stretch is under execution by Assam Public Works Department.