

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2587
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REPAIRING OF NH-31 AND NH-31D
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Maynaguri-Dhupguri stretch on National Highway (NH-31) and the stretch between Siliguri and Teesta Bridge on NH-31D in West Bengal have been badly damaged and have become unfit for transportation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has sanctioned/released funds for repairing of the said NHs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) to (d) The NH-31D in West Bengal between Phulbari and Dhupguri, which also include Maynaguri- Dhupguri stretch of NH-31, had been damaged in certain stretches. The above National Highway had been entrusted to National Highways Authority of India (NHA) for 4 laning under East West corridor but could not be awarded due to delay in land acquisition (LA) by the State Authorities. Though NHA had carried out maintenance works amounting to Rs 41 crore, there had been further damages. To take up restoration of the damages, Rs 20 crore has already been allocated and accordingly the State PWD has taken up restoration work which is in full swing. Most of the damaged stretches have been repaired and is in traffic worthy condition.