

Title: Need to formulate centrally sponsored schemes for the development of rural roads in the country, particularly in naxalite infested District of Aurangabad, Bihar.

SHRIMATI SHYAMA SINGH (AURANGABAD, BIHAR): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the sordid condition of rural roads in my Aurangabad Parliamentary Constituency, which is highly infested by naxalites.

Development of rural roads in the country which is primarily the concern of the respective State Governments has not been given proper attention for the past several years. State Governments have not taken keen interest to utilize the funds for the development of rural roads. The condition of rural roads has now become bad to worst. In the absence of any proper development and maintenance of rural roads in the country, the naxalites and other antisocial groups have activated their functioning.

Since, the naxalites and other antisocial or anti-national groups have emerged, there is urgent need to formulate Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the development of rural roads in the country. In addition to this, I also urge upon the Union Government to extend funds to the Schemes "Roads in Special Areas" and "Rural Connectivity through all weather Roads" in the naxalites infested regions in Bihar, particularly in the Aurangabad District.