**Title:** Need to convert State highway between Arwal and Biharsharif via Jahanabad-Kako-Akanagar Sarai in Bihar into a national highway-Laid.

SHRI ARUN KUMAR (JAHANABAD): I would like to draw the kind attention of Minister of Road Transport and Highways regarding sanction and conversion of PWD State Road from Arwal to Biharasharif via Jahanabad – Kako – Akanagar Sarai into a National Highway. Three separate national highways are already passing through Biharsharif, Jahanabad and Arwal. At present, there is only a dilapidated and narrow road to connect three national highways. However, there is tremendous amount of traffic on the PWD Road. It is relevant to note that the Jahanbad and Nalanda are highly disturbed districts, being Naxalite infested areas and for proper administration and law and order, this conversion of PWD road into a National Highway is highly desirable. Above all this PWD road connects three extremely important religious place, i.e. Hindu Dev Sun Temple and Dev Kund Shiva Temple, Maner Sharif Muslim Shrine and Buddhist Temples at Rajgir, which are visited by a large number of Hindu, Muslim and Budhist devotees every year.

I request the Government to take early action for sanction and conversion of PWD State Road from Arwal to Biharwharif via Jahanabad – Kako – Akanagar Sarai into a National Highway.