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Title: Need to construct an alternate highway from Qazi Gund to Baramulla in Jammu & Kashmir.

SHRI ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN (BARAMULLA): Widening of National Highway is an important agenda of the National Highway Authority. In J&K from Qazi Gund to Baramulla all the important towns of the valley *are* situated on the National Highway. So widening as per schedule involves the displacement of all the business establishments situated on either side of this road. The rehabilitation of all such displaced inhabitants and business establishments including thousands of retailers is a colossal job, involving a huge money on one hand and creating a dissatisfaction and uneasiness of all the business people, running the market of very important towns of Kashmir valley, on the other. To build an alternate highway is a practical suggestion of some of the experts. We demand that an alternate highway be build up alongside the newly laid railway track that can give a world class connectivity without any hazards. There will be no problem of compensating and rehabilitating the big markets of all the important towns situated on the road and purpose of connectivity to northern border of Kashmir valley shall be achieved without any hassle of land acquisition and litigation of displaced business class.

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