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Title: Need to construct additional bridges on National Highway No. 60 from Kharagpur to Sonakonia in Paschim Medinipur district of West Bengal for improving drainage system in the region - laid.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): A large part of Paschim Medinipur district has been seriously damaged by heavy rainfall and unprecedented flood situation. It was caused mainly due to water-logging. The newly constructed National Highway (NH-60), part of the Golden Quadrilateral from Kharagpur to Sonakonia, caused the main hindrance for passage of the rainwater. The bridges under the said highway are not sufficient for water passage. At Sonakonia the highway had been submerged in the recent flood situation. Hence constructing more bridges in the said National Highway is urgently needed. This year lakhs of people got affected. Huge paddy crops were damaged. I urge upon the Union Government to take the matter urgently and should have a re-look at the drainage system in this area to save the lives of the local people at large.