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Title : Need for repairing and maintenance of various National Highways passing through Jalpaiguri Parliamentary Constituency in West Bengal.

SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR ROY (JALPAIGURI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to raise a very serious matter of very urgent public importance.

Sir, you are aware that NH-31D, NH-31, NH-31A in West Bengal are the only connecting National Highways between the North-Eastern India and the rest of India. But now those roads have turned into dilapidated roads and the condition is very bad. There are a huge number of potholes and ditches in many places. Water-logging during the rain season has become a common feature and now it has become an accident-prone area. At present, the roads from Bagdogra to Siliguri, Siliguri to Jalpaiguri, Jalpaiguri to Moinaguri, Dhopguri and Falakata, and from Alipurduars to Assam Border have been totally damaged. The National Highway is not safe for use of any kind of vehicles. So, the transport system has damaged causing much harassment and inconvenience to all concerned.

Now, I would urge upon the Government, particularly, the Minister concerned to take an immediate and urgent action for repairing the NH-31D, NH-31, NH 31-A by sending a survey team there immediately. I hope the Government will take proper action.