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Title: Regarding repair and maintenance of NH-31D and NH-31 in North Eastern region of the country.

SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR ROY (JALPAIGURI): Sir, I would like to draw your kind attention of the hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways, through you, to the serious and unhealthy condition of NH 31D which is the only road connecting the North East India with the rest of India. NH 31D and NH 31 are running between Siliguri and Mainaguri, and the entire stretch of NH 31 from Mainaguri to Mal, Mal to Banarhat and Mainaguri to Falakata along the Gairkata, Birpada, and Madurihat in my constituency, Jalpaiguri. I requested the Minister concerned and the National Highways Authority of India to take up the improvement work immediately. But unfortunately, even now, the National Highways Authority has not carry out any works of maintenance. Now, the road has become unusable; the vehicular traffic flow has been completely disrupted. Consequent upon this, the people of this locality are facing immense difficulties. The private transport organizations are demanding for a thorough repair of the road. The situation has now further deteriorated.

I would, therefore, once again urge upon the Minister of Road Transport and Highways to please look into the matter and overcome the present impasse at an early date.