Title: Need to repair National Highway No. 31 D between Siliguri and Mynaguri.

SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR ROY (JALPAIGURI): Sir, I want to bring to the notice of the Ministry of Surface Transport and the National Highways Authority, Government of India a painful matter. Several correspondences have been made in respect of maintenance and repair works of the dilapidated NH-31D between Siliguri and Maynaguri including two main bridges, namely, Teesta bridge and Jal Dhaka bridge which is between Maynaguri and Dhupguri. This highway is in a very bad condition. As a result, the total traffic movement has been jeopardized and several accidents occur there. But no fruitful action has been taken by the Ministry and the Authority so far. This is the only road that connects the North-Eastern region to the rest of India. The condition of the 31D National Highway and the Teesta bridge and the Jaldanga bridge are in a dilapidated state with potholes in them and there has been no action either from the Ministry of Surface Transport, or from the National Highway Authority, Government of India towards repairing these roads and bridges.

I would, therefore, like to urge upon the Ministry of Surface Transport, Government of India to take suitable action so that substantial funds are released immediately for the repair of the aforesaid road and the bridges.