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Title: Need to expedite construction of Missamari-Rangapara-Balipara road in Assam.

SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH (TEZPUR): I draw immediate attention of Government on the Missamari-Rangapara-Balipara road (23 km) which was taken over by Border Roads Organization (BRO), from the Public Works Department (PWD), Government of Assam for construction and maintenance purpose during 2011. From the defence point of view this road is shortest to reach Indo-China border at Arunachal Pradesh from Missamari, one of the largest Army Cantonment, converted into Divisional Head Quarters during 2011.

This road is in deplorable and devastated condition for last several years even after BRO had taken over it in 2011. The reason for not completing the road is best known to BRO only. The present condition of the road is completely unfit for smooth driving by any kind of vehicle and it gives immense trouble to the daily commuters. The road between Rangapara town and NH-52 at Balipara and Thelamara point is very important for the people of greater Ranagapara area that consists of more than 30 tea gardens, rural-remote villages and underprivileged areas upto Assam-Arunachal Border.

It is high time the Government should look into the matter and direct the concerned authorities of BRO to complete the construction of road any without further delay. Should the Border Road Organization refuse to construct the road, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways may takeover the construction, as this road is of national importance from the defence point of view.