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Title: Regarding bad condition of National Highway No. 10.

**SHRI PREM DAS RAI (SIKKIM):** This is to bring to attention of the Government that our life-line National Highway No. 10 is now under tremendous duress. Frequent disruptions are happening due to two major reasons: (1) Incessant

rain and (2) Teesta low level dams being operational which are pulling the road due to hydrological seepage.

These reasons have been cited by engineers of Border Road Organisation & Ministry of Road and Highways. National Highway No. 10 is a strategic and economic highway leading to Sikkim. Sikkim and Sikkimese people are the main stakeholders alongwith habitants of Darjeeling district of West Bengal. This highway sustains all forms of economic activity including exports of organic produce and maintaining tourism industry.

My demand is that the Government of India should immediately take steps to rectify this situation as it has aggravated to a point where there is imminent danger of huge disruption.

A long term solution also needs to be found immediately. With no other means of connectivity, we have been left highly vulnerable.