

Phase 'A') and also Barapani is connected to Jowai through Shillong and in this way the 4-lane connectivity from Barapani to Jowai is proposed to be established. Further, 4 laning from Jowai to Churaibari is included under National Highway Development Project (NHDP-III) and Churaibari to Agartala is included under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE) Phase 'A'. NHA has undertaken the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) from Jowai to Agartala.

7. Gangtok There is no proposal to upgrade NH-31A connecting Gangtok to 4 lane standards. However, an alternate 2 lane highway (in addition to NH 31A) has been approved by the Government.

(f) The project preparation exercise has not been completed and therefore, it is too early to indicate the details of the alignment of 4-lane.

(g) Does not arise.

Stamp on Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha

*152. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assured that release of postal stamp of Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha during his Birth centenary is under process;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to release such a postal stamp by 20th January, the last day of centenary celebration; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Posts will issue a commemorative postage stamp on Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha in 2009. As per the request of government of Assam, the stamp will be released on 31st January, 2009 on the Centenary Day of Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha.

(c) Does not arise.

Salary to coaches and selectors

*153. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether coaches and selectors of Hockey hold honorary positions and are not entitled for salary for their services;