

राजिम, जिला गरियाबंद, सिहावा-सप्तऋषि आश्रम, जिला धमतरी, जगदलपुर, जिला बस्तर, रामाराम, जिला सुकमा शामिल हैं, जिनकी निर्माण लागत 137.45 करोड़ रुपए है, जिसमें से छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार द्वारा निर्माण हेतु प्रारंभ में 15 करोड़ रुपए जारी कर कार्य प्रारंभ किया गया है। यह concept plan स्वदेश दर्शन योजना की रामायण सर्किट के अंतर्गत स्वीकृति हेतु भारत सरकार के संस्कृति मंत्रालय के समक्ष भेजा गया है, जिसकी मंजूरी अभी लंबित है। सदन के माध्यम से मेरी माँग है कि राम वन गमन पथ विकसित करने के छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार के इस प्रस्ताव पर केन्द्र सरकार, रामायण सर्किट योजना के अंतर्गत अविलम्ब अपेक्षित धनराशि उपलब्ध कराए, जिससे राम वन गमन पथ का निर्माण शीघ्र साकार हो सके।

**श्री राजमणि पटेल (मध्य प्रदेश):** महोदय, मैं स्वयं को इस विषय के साथ संबद्ध करता हूँ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas.

### **Concern over dismal state of National Highways in North Bengal**

SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS (West Bengal): Sir, the National Highways in North Bengal, especially NH-31 and NH-34 are in poor shape and leading to traffic congestion in Dalkhola and Kanki in North Dinajpur District. Since these highways are narrow, filled with craters and poorly maintained, commuters are facing lots of trouble during their commute.

Three years ago, the NHAI had sanctioned an additional amount of Rs. 19 crores for the work to start on a 5.5 kilometers road for Dalkhola. This would have bypassed NH-34, making life easy for residents there. This project was initially approved in the year 2006 with a funding of Rs. 86 crores, but it was stalled for eleven years. I ask the Minister for Road Transport and Highways-what is the status of this bypass construction?

In July 2019, the Ministry had also said that 136 kilometers of National Highways in Bengal were being improved. Four laning of 30 kilometers of narrow highways in North Bengal was also to be taken up in 2019-20. I want to ask the Minister how much money has been allotted for these projects and how much work has been completed, as the estimated time of completion was December, 2021.

All of these works are important for the lives and livelihoods of our people in North Bengal. Already work is going on for the Bengal stretch of the East-West Corridor with the State Government and NHAI cooperating to finish it on time. I request the Government to take stock of other projects as well and intimate us of their status at the earliest.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Rakesh Sinha.