

Need to convert Foothills Road (Trans Nagaland Highway) into a National Highway-Laid

SHRI S. SUPONGMEREN JAMIR (NAGALAND): The Government of Nagaland has proposed the construction of the Foothills Road (Trans-Nagaland highway) along the state's boundary with Assam, with a total length of about 364 km. The road will significantly make the travel time between the districts of the state shorter and enable people to move across Nagaland without crossing interstate boundaries. This road is going to directly connect 103 towns and villages, benefitting more than 11 Lakh people of the State. I request Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways through this august House that the proposed Highway will link the interior districts with National Highways and state roads, and it passes through a mineral rich belt, covering Peren, Chumoukedima, Dimapur, Niuland, Wokha, Mokokchung, Longleng and Mon districts. The DRPs of phase-1 (Package I-VI), covering 180.656 km from Dimapur to Tuli, with a project cost of RS 3,284.06 crore, have already been submitted to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for consideration of approval as a National Highway. The estimated cost of entire project is about Rs 9,000 crore.