

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
Public Works (R&B) Department**

**Private Members' Resolution tabled by Dr. Shehnaz Ganai**

**"This August House resolves that Mughal Road be made all weather road for every type of vehicles".**

**Reply:-**

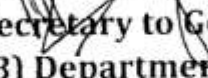
Mughal Road having a length of 84.10 km from Buffliaz to Shopian passes through high altitude zone upto 3494 meters above Mean Sea Level (MSL) at Pir Ki Gali. The road stretch from Chandimarh to Heerpora remains closed for vehicular traffic during the winter months due to accumulation of heavy snow and snow avalanches. The only solution to keep the Mughal Road open for traffic throughout the year is to construct a tunnel across Pir Panchal Pass from Chattapani to Zaznar. The construction of the tunnel shall reduce the length by about 17 kms.

The State Govt has been vigorously pursuing the matter with Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, GoI for declaration of the said road as National Highway and also construction of a tunnel from Chattapani to Zaznar. The significance for the construction of the tunnel has been repeatedly brought in the notice of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways during various presentations and their site visits to Mughal Road Project. The Secretary, MORT&H, Govt. of India during an inspection tour of Mughal road project has also acknowledged the need for constructing the tunnel. This was also followed by a several communications, which include DO references from the then Hon'ble Chief Minister dated 14-01-2011 and 04-10-2013 to the then Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways. The issue has also been flagged during the meeting with the Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways held recently at New Delhi.

In the meanwhile, the department has engaged a Consultant for undertaking "Feasibility Study and Preparation of Preliminary Project Report (PPR)" for the construction of a tunnel on Mughal Road and the same is under progress. Since preparation of comprehensive DPR and construction of the tunnel involves huge costs, the State is repeatedly

flagging the issue with Govt of India for declaration of the Mughal Road as National Highway and construction of the tunnel from Chattapani to Zaznar.

**Sd/-**  
**Minister incharge**



**Under Secretary to Government**  
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