

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

**Private Members' Resolution tabled by
Dr. Shenaz Ganai, Hon'ble MLC**

"This August House resolves that Mughal Road be made all weather road by way of construction of tunnel".

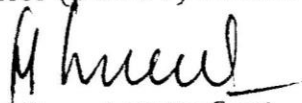
The construction of 84.10 km long Mughal Road connecting Shopian in Kashmir province with Bafliaz (Poonch) in Jammu Province has been taken up under Prime Ministers Reconstruction Plan (PMRP). The road is almost complete except a few minor works. The road provides alternate connectivity of Kashmir valley with Jammu region and rest of the country.

Out of 84.10 kms road length, 21 kms stretch fall in high snowfall zone crossing over Pir-Panjial pass and remains closed for a period of about 5 months during winter i.e from December to April. Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE) have in their report proposed construction of tunnel between Chattapani and Zaznar on Mughal road. Construction of a tunnel of 8 kms length will make Mughal Road all weather road besides reducing the distance by almost 12 kms.

The State Govt has been, time and again, flagging the issue for declaration of Mughal Road as National Highway with Govt of India. The State Govt has reiterated its demand to Govt of India for consideration and approval.

In the meanwhile, the Mughal Road Organization has assigned "Feasibility Study and Preparation of Preliminary Project Report (PPR)" for the construction of the tunnel across the Peer Panchal Pass from Chattapani to Zaznar to M/S SMEC India Pvt. Ltd (consultants). The same is under progress.

The State government has recently contacted a number of private developers and is, through them, exploring possibilities of constructing the tunnel on a Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) model.



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