



BUDGET SPEECH

by

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**Public Works Department
Government of West Bengal**

In respect of
Demand No. 25

**For the Year
2023-2024**

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

With your kind permission, I rise to present the Budget Speech for the financial year 2023 – 2024 before this August House.

In the third year of the third term of this Government under the dynamic leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee, this department will try its best to live up to the expectations of the people of West Bengal. We pledge to place West Bengal in its position of eminence among all the States of the country.

I humbly place before You and the distinguished Members of the Hon'ble House that we are moving steadily towards this goal.

2. Sir, on the recommendation of The Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, I have the pleasure to move that a sum of **Rs. 7665,84,55,000/- (Rupees Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five Crore Eighty Four Lakh and Fifty Five Thousand)** only, may be granted for incurring voted expenditure under Demand no. 25 for the financial year 2023-2024.

The major head wise demands under the Public Works Department are:

	Demand
2052 – Secretariat-General Services:	Rs.9,87,94,000/-
2059 – Public Works:	Rs.719,97,39,000/-
2205 – Art and Culture:	Rs.32,17,000/-

2216 – Housing:	Rs.30,27,55,000/-
2250 – Other Social Services:	Rs.13,39,00,000/-
3054 – Roads and Bridges:	Rs.817,16,39,000/-
3451 – Secretariat-Economic Services:	Rs.6,65,21,000/-
4059 – Capital Outlay on Public Works:	Rs.102,55,80,000/-
5054 – Capital Outlay on Roads and Bridges:	Rs.5937,68,10,000/-
7075 – Loans for Other Transport Services:	Rs.27,95,00,000/-

3. I would like to inform the Honorable Members that the Public Works Department is the key organization that creates huge social assets and transforms the physical structure into public asset and an effective means of communication by building Roads & Bridges for Public use. Virtually, all important public buildings i.e. Hospitals, Govt. Offices, Fire Stations, Heritage Structures etc. etc. are built / maintained by P.W. Department. Since coming into being, PWD has played an important role in building social infrastructure.
4. As PWD is one of the most important works departments, considerable budget outlay is provided to this Department for execution of works. The Department has an elaborate organizational set-up, headed by an Officer in the rank of Secretary. Apart from its secretariat, it has two engineering directorate headed by Chief Engineers and one coordinating head i.e. Engineer – in – Chief. Besides it has one dedicated Finance Wing headed by the Financial Adviser. The functional authority of different levels of officers is well defined through an elaborate coding pattern; much of its authority comes through application of codified rules. To expedite the process of work under this department, several Government Orders indicating reforms in its functional area have been issued. They, in fact, contribute to removing many impediments standing in the way of smooth functioning.

5. The P. W. Department is entrusted with the development and maintenance of roads, bridges and buildings that cover from difficult hilly areas of Darjeeling to the coastal areas of mangroves at the Sunderbans & around Digha. For equitable economic growth, development of physical Infrastructure is a must, and P.W.D is striving towards this goal. The P. W. Department is responsible for maintenance and up-gradation of 20,102 km different categories of roads and 2,093 bridges. Out of 20,102 km roads, 3,817 km are State Highways, 10,537 km are Major District Roads and 5,748 km are Other Roads which comprise Other District Roads and Village Roads.
6. Apart from this, the NH Wing of P.W.D. maintains 1,632 km of National Highways and 384 Bridges within the State of West Bengal.
7. The Social Sector Wing of P.W.D ordinarily executes public works in the shape of either deposit works or Treasury Remittance (TR) works funded by different departments and other organizations/ institutions.
8. Electrical wing in PWD is capable of providing multiple tasks of building utility services both in original and maintenance nature as per policy of the Government of West Bengal.
9. This department has its own Research & Development Wing namely Road and Building Research Institute for quality checking of different types of work.
- 9.1 This Institute has two units as follows under the supervision of the Chief Engineer & Director, R&BRI:
 - a) One is at Pailanhat in the district of South 24 Parganas, and other is at
 - b) Noukaghat, Siliguri in the district of Darjeeling.

9.2 These two units are equipped with different kinds of field and laboratory equipment for collection of field-samples and carrying on quality-control lab-tests. Apart from that, different research works for development of better specifications of different Civil Engineering works and preparation of better & cost-effective mix-designs for concrete and bituminous works are also the aim of this Institution.

10. Policy Objectives:

Prime objectives of Public Works Department are:

- 10.1 To make durable roads by adopting latest codes and ensuring compliance with environment considerations.
- 10.2 To improve/ upgrade roads, to construct new bridges/ ROBs/ Flyovers/ Government Buildings and maintenance of them.
- 10.3 To augment capacity of the roads by widening & strengthening of the roads.
- 10.4 To improve road connectivity by at least 2 lane roads between
 - (a) all adjacent district headquarters, (b) within a district, from district headquarter to the Administrative sub division headquarters and (c) within a district, from one Administrative sub division headquarter to other sub division headquarter.
- 10.5 To ensure road safety by correcting the existing road geometry and by providing adequate road signage.
- 10.6 To rehabilitate/ replace old dilapidated/ weak bridges as well as to rehabilitate old Government Buildings.

11. Achievements during the period from 01/04/2022 to 15/02/2023:

11.1 Road Sector:

11.1.1 During this period PWD has widened & strengthened 490 km of road to augment the capacity (completed). The break up as follows:

- 44 km of road has been widened up to 4 lane carriageway width (i.e. 14 m carriageway width) & strengthened.
- 41 km of road has been widened up to 2 lane carriageway width with 1.50 m wide paved shoulder on either side of the road (i.e.10 m carriageway width) & strengthened.
- 232 km of road has been widened up to 2 lane carriageway width (i.e.7 m carriageway width) & strengthened.
- 144 km of road has been widened up to Intermediate lane carriageway width (i.e. 5.50 m carriageway width) & strengthened.
- 29 km of road has been widened up to Single lane carriageway width (i.e. 3.75 m carriageway width) & strengthened.

11.1.2 During the said period another 2220 km of road has been improved (completed). The Break up as follows:

- 810 km of road has been strengthened / improved.
- Surfacing work completed on 1410 km of road length.

11.2 Bridge Sector:

- PWD has inspected all 2093 bridges to take safety measure of the bridges.
- 27 bridges, 2 ROBs and 1 underpass have been newly constructed during the above period.

- Rehabilitation works have been completed over 108 bridges.

11.3 Building Sector:

- 20 nos. of own departmental building works and around 550 building related works of Other Departments have been completed during the above period.

12. Works taken up during the period from 01/04/2022 to 15/02/2023.

12.1 Road Sector :

12.1.1 During this period PWD has taken up 299 km of road for widening & strengthening to augment the capacity. The break up as follows:

- 169 km of road has been taken up for widening up to 2 lane carriageway width with 1.50 m wide paved shoulder on either side of the road (i.e. 10 m carriageway width) & strengthening.
- 84 km of road has been taken up for widening up to 2 lane carriageway width (i.e. 7 m carriageway width) & strengthening.
- 46 km of road has been taken up for widening up to Intermediate lane carriageway width (i.e. 5.50 m carriageway width) & strengthening.

12.1.2 During the said period another 775 km of road has been taken up for improvement. The Break up as follows:

- 466 km of road has been taken up for strengthening and improvement.
- 309 km of road has been taken up for surfacing work.

12.2 Bridge Sector:

- 7 bridges have been considered for new construction
- 75 bridges have been taken up for Rehabilitation.

- A number of Road Safety Projects in different busy roads have been taken up.

13. Completed remarkable projects in 2022–2023 up to 15/02/2023 are stated below:

- 13.1** Widening up to 4 lane configurations and strengthening of Bongaon - Chakdaha Road from 0.00 km to 6.717 km & from 10.568 km to 31.328 km in the two connecting districts of North 24 Parganas and Nadia. Administratively approved amount: Rs.527.13 Crore.
- 13.2** Construction of 743 meter long 4-Lane Tallah ROB (Hemanta Setu) along with 296 meter long one ramp at Chitpur side adjacent to Tallah Railway Station on B.T. Road in the district of Kolkata. Administratively approved amount:Rs.504 Crore.
- 13.3** Construction of Unique Auditorium Structure in India as well as in South East Asia with SANKHA 3D design with 2400 seating capacity Indoor Auditorium under Dhanadhanya Project at Alipore, Kolkata. Administratively approved amount: Rs.440.07 Crore.
- 13.4** Construction of 3 Bridges and approach roads at Nayakhali, at Jalda and at Saulat of Saikat Sarani Project in the district of Purba Medinipur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.161.18 Crore.
- 13.5** Widening & strengthening of Pataspur - Banguchak Road from 0.00 kmp to 28.80 km including construction of 3 nos. new Bridges in replacement of existing narrow Bridges in the two connecting districts of Purba and Paschim Medinipur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.125.82 Crore.
- 13.6** Widening & strengthening of Krishnanagar - Majdia Road from 0.00 kmp to 24.66 km in the district of Nadia. Administratively approved amount: Rs.96.20 Crore.
- 13.7** Strengthening of Krishnanagar – Karimpur - Jalangi Road from 0.00 kmp to 77.00 kmp in the district of Nadia. Administratively approved amount: Rs.82.83 Crore.

- 13.8** Strengthening of Barasat - Basirhat Road from 20.00 kmp to 40.00 kmp in the district of North 24 Parganas. Administratively approved amount: Rs.74.63 Crore.
- 13.9** Widening & strengthening of Jibonmondalhat - Sonatikarihat Road from 0.00 kmp to 23.40 km in the district of South 24 Paragans. Administratively approved amount: Rs.56.67 Crore.
- 13.10** Widening & strengthening of Simlapal - Sarenga - Bamundihaghat Road from 9.0 kmp to 30.50 km in the district of Bankura. Administratively approved amount: Rs.54.46 Crore.
- 13.11** Widening & strengthening of Jahaldah - Dantan Road from 0.00 kmp to 23.621 km in the district of Paschim Medinipur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.51.62 Crore.
- 13.12** Construction of R.O.B. & Approach Ramps at Nalhati in the district of Birbhum. Administratively approved amount: Rs.50.02 Crore.
- 13.13** Construction of Multi-level Car Parking with office space and food court at Alipore, Kolkata. Administratively approved amount: Rs.50.60 Crore.
- 13.14** Widening & strengthening of Sayestanagar - Kaijuri - Chituri Road from 0.00 kmp to 17.70 km (except 11.00 kmp to 11.50 km & 13.00 kmp to 13.50 km) in the district of North 24 Parganas. Administratively approved amount: Rs.49.67 Crore.
- 13.15** Widening & strengthening of Kolmijore - Gopiganj Road from 0.00 kmp to 14.50 km in the district of Paschim Medinipur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.49.27 Crore.
- 13.16** Strengthening of Kashemnagar - Nutanhat - Srikhanda Road to Majigram Health Centre Road from 0.00 kmp to 2.50 km, Majigram Health Centre to Katwa - Churpuni -

Billeswar Road from 0.00 kmp to 11.40 km and widening & strengthening of Katwa – Churpuni – Billeswar - Palita Road from 0.00 kmp to 3.60 km in the district of Purba Bardhaman. Administratively approved amount: Rs.44.12 Crore.

13.17 Widening & strengthening of Bandwan - Asanpani Road from 0.00 kmp to 16.00 kmp in the district of Purulia. Administratively approved amount: Rs.43.65 Crore.

13.18 Construction of both sides service road of NH-117 in stretches from 0.36 km to 3.35 km including bridge over drainage canal at 2 km along with both side approach road on NH-117 in the district of Howrah. Administratively approved amount: Rs.41.94 Crore.

13.19 Pollution free Mechanised Mastic works on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue (V.I.P Road) from 0.00 km to 6.20 km in the district of North 24 Parganas. Administratively approved amount: Rs.39.98 Crore.

13.20 Strengthening of Jibanti - Sherpur Road from 0.00 kmp to 19.00 kmp in the district of Murshidabad. Administratively approved amount: Rs.39.38 Crore.

13.21 Strengthening of Garia - Mathurapur Road from 13.00 kmp to 26.00 kmp in the district of South 24 Parganas. Administratively approved amount: Rs.37.76 Crore.

13.22 Strengthening and widening of embankment from 0.00 kmp to 22.85 kmp of Dilli Dewanganj - Bhaluka Road along with inspection path of left bank embankment of river Fulahar in the district of Malda. Administratively approved amount: Rs.36.30 Crore.

13.23 Widening & strengthening of Churamon – Itahar - Kushmondi Road from 7.15 km to 17.20 km and Natun Bazar More to Madhabpurghat Road from 0.00 kmp to 4.00 kmp in the district of Uttar Dinajpur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.31.32 Crore.

- 13.24** Widening & strengthening of Kaliachak - Niamatpur Road from 0.60 km to 13.50 km and from 19.00 kmp to 20.40 km in the district of Malda. Administratively approved amount: Rs.30.32 Crore
- 13.25** Construction of Bridges over river Buri Torsha, Kumai-I and Kumai-II on Sonapur - Hasimara Road (via Chilapota Forest) in the district of Alipurduar. Administratively approved amount: Rs.30.11 Crore.
- 13.26** Construction of Bridge over river Mayurakshi at Gunutia on Lavpur – Ramnagar - Kotasur Road in the district of Birbhum. Administratively approved amount: Rs. 28.45 Crore.
- 13.27** Strengthening of Furfura – Aniya – Dakshindihi - Bargachia Road from 0.00 kmp to 10.075 km including Link Road of Ujalpukur – Rampara - Toralpur Road in the district of Hooghly. Administratively approved amount: Rs.27.77 Crore.
- 13.28** Strengthening of Rajarhat – Mathabhanga Road from 0.00 kmp to 3.40 km and Premerdanga – Ghoksadanga Road from 0.00 kmp to 8.00 kmp in the district of Coochbehar. Administratively approved amount: Rs.27.05 Crore.
- 13.29** Widening & strengthening of Vikdas - Kota Road from 0.00 kmp to 11.18 km in the district of Hooghly. Administratively approved amount: Rs.26.37 Crore.
- 13.30** Strengthening of Raghunathganj - Mitrapur Road from 00.00 kmp to 7.50 km in the district of Murshidabad. Administratively approved amount: Rs.24.74 Crore.
- 13.31** Strengthening of Jalpaiguri - Haldibari Road from 2.25 km to 20.50 km in the district of Jalpaiguri. Administratively approved amount: Rs.24.62 Crore.
- 13.32** Strengthening from 0.00 kmp to 10.00 kmp and widening & strengthening from 10.00 kmp to 17.25 km of Kotulpur

- Indus Road in the district of Bankura. Administratively approved amount: Rs.23.15 Crore.
- 13.33** Widening & strengthening of Bakshirhat - Shivbari Pucca Road to Bhandijelash Road via Mantani Bazar, Kadamtala, Shalbari of total length 10.405 km including one link road in the district of Coochbehar. Administratively approved amount: Rs.23.05 Crore.
- 13.34** Widening & strengthening of Solpara - Rasakhowa Road (Part of Bengal to Bengal Road) from 30.00 kmp to 43.00 kmp in the district of Uttar Dinajpur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.22.94 Crore.
- 13.35** Widening & strengthening of Dudhkundi – Manikpara - Sardiha Rly. Station Road from 0.00 kmp to 6.00 kmp with a link from Manikpara to Bombay Road from 0.00 kmp to 2.250 km in the district of Jhargram. Administratively approved amount: Rs.22.77 Crore.
- 13.36** Widening & strengthening from 0.00 kmp to 6.00 kmp and strengthening from 6.00 kmp to 8.00 kmp of Bishnupur – Sonamukhi - Rangamati Road in the district of Bankura. Administratively approved amount: Rs.20.48 Crore.
- 13.37** Widening and strengthening of Andal Airport Road from 0.00 kmp to 4.35 km including re-sectioning in the district of Paschim Bardhaman. Administratively approved amount: Rs.20.34 Crore.
- 13.38** Widening and strengthening of Parihati – Jamboni - Fekoghat Road from 18.00 kmp to 26.40 km in the district of Jhargram. Administratively approved amount: Rs.19.49 Crore.
- 13.39** Strengthening from 0.00 kmp to 7.00 kmp and widening & strengthening from 7.00 kmp to 9.40 km of Contai - Junput Road in the district of Purba Medinipur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.17.27 Crore.

- 13.40** Strengthening of Dalgaon - Gomtu (Bhutan) Road from 0.00 kmp to 9.80 km in the district of Alipurduar. Administratively approved amount: Rs.17.24 Crore.
- 13.41** Construction of Bridge at Kurchi over Kana Damodar Canal at 18.156 km of Amta - Rajapur - Dihibhurshut Road in the district of Howrah. Administratively approved amount: Rs. 13.37 Crore.
- 13.42** Strengthening of Sarbari - Tiluri Panchet Dam Road from 0.00 kmp to 9.50 km in the district of Purulia. Administratively approved amount: Rs.10.48 Crore.
- 13.43** Strengthening of Sitarampur - Rupnarayanpur Road from 4.00 kmp to 12.00 kmp in the district of Paschim Bardhaman. Administratively approved amount: Rs.9.92 Crore.
- 13.44** Strengthening of Uchalan - Eklakhi Road from 0.00 kmp to 6.00 kmp in the district of Purba Bardhaman. Administratively approved amount: Rs.9.73 Crore.
- 13.45** Strengthening of Gangarampur - Tapan Road from 5.00 kmp to 14.00 kmp in the district of Dakshin Dinajpur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.8.76 Crore.
- 13.46** Widening & strengthening from 0.00 kmp to 0.30 km and strengthening from 0.30 km to 5.50 km of Belacoba - Dashdarga Road in the district of Jalpaiguri. Administratively approved amount: Rs.8.04 Crore.
- 13.47** Strengthening of Trihana - Naxalbari Road from 10.00 kmp to 23.00 kmp in the district of Darjeeling. Administratively approved amount: Rs. 6.57 Crore.
- 13.48** Mastic asphalt works to Garidhura - Mirik - Simanabasti Road from 4.18 km to 14.00 kmp and from 27.20 km to 30.10 km in the district of Darjeeling. Administratively approved amount: Rs. 4.29 Crore.

14. Completed important projects of other departments in 2022 – 2023 up to 15/02/2023 :

- Alipurduar : (i) Construction of Jaigaon open Stadium, (ii) Construction of Jayanti Youth Hostel, (iii) Construction of 2-pump Fire Station at Birpara.
- Bankura: (i) Construction of Govt. Model School in Indpur Block, (ii) Construction of 1000 Metric Ton capacity Paddy Godown at Bishnupur, (iii) Construction of Block Live Stock Development Office (BLDO) cum Block Animal Health Centre (BAHC) with Training Centre and Guest Room at Patrasayer Block.
- Birbhum: (i) Construction of Court Building at Bolpur, (ii) Construction of G+2 storied Additional Class room and multipurpose hall in the District Institute of Education and Training, (iii) Construction of a new 2 - pump Fire Station at Dubrajpur.
- Coochbehar : (i) Construction of internal roads of Indo - Bangladesh Enclave No. 46 at Dinhata-II Block, (ii) Additional and alteration work of 150 bedded Indoor Building at Tufanganj Mental Hospital. (iii) Construction of two class rooms and one office room at ground floor of Vidyasagar Bhaban at Dinhata College.
- Dakshin
Dinajpur: (i) Construction of Indoor Stadium at Balurghat (Phase-II), (ii) Construction of 24 bedded Hybrid Critical Care Unit in Balurghat District Hospital.
- Darjeeling: (i) Construction of residential building in Victoria Boys' School, Kurseong. (ii) Construction of New OPD Complex at

Phansidewa Rural Hospital, (iii) Up-gradation of Museum at Rabindra Bhavan, Mungpoo.

Hooghly: (i) Construction of 2 storied building with G + 2 foundation at Chandannagar Sub Division Hospital, (ii) ANNEX Building at Furfura Fatehia Senior Madrasah, (iii) Construction of 20 bedded Covid Ward at Chanditala Rural Hospital and at Akri Serampore Rural Hospital.

Howrah: (i) Construction of 24 bedded Critical Care Unit (8 CCU Beds and 16 HDU Beds) at Howrah District Hospital, (ii) Construction of New Government Polytechnic at Dasnagar Howrah, (iii) Construction of single storied Maternity Unit and New Born Care Unit (10 beds) with a provision for three storied foundation at Sankrail Hazi ST Mullick Block Primary Health centre (BPHC).

Jalpaiguri: (i) Construction of Guest House/Inspection Bungalow (G+2) building at Tiyabon, (ii) Renovation work for make shift arrangement in old Labour Ward and Prenatal Ward Building to convert it as Academic Building for proposed Jalpaiguri Govt. Medical College.

Jhargram: (i) Upgradation from 10 bedded Primary Health Centre (PHC) to a 30 bedded PHC of Lalgargh Rural Hospital, (ii) Construction work of Jhargram University (Phase I).

Kolkata: (i) Construction of Platinum Jubilee Memorial Building at West Bengal Legislative Assembly House Compound, (ii) Establishment of Centre of Excellence at Calcutta National Medical College, (iii) Construction of G+4

storied New Academic Building & Group-D staff quarter-cum-guest room building for Dinabandhu Andrews College in Kolkata.

Malda:

(i) Construction of Seminar Hall, Auditorium of Malda Model Madrasah at Uttar Ramchandrapur, (ii) Construction of new Additional Block Animal Health Centre (ABAHC) Building at Manikchak, (iii) Restoration, Conservation of the Buddhist Monastery at Jagjibanpur, Malda.

Murshidabad:

(i) Fire Detection system in Shiksha Bhavan, Murshidabad, (ii) Construction of Guard room, Gangway and Repair and renovation of Female Wing Building, Medical unit and Office Building at Lunatic Vagrants Home.

Nadia:

(i) Vertical Extension of Student Amenities Centre (1st and 2nd Floor) at Kalyani Regional Centre of Netaji Subhas Chandra Open University, (ii) Construction of Vertical Extension of 2nd Floor & 3rd Floor over 1st Floor of Controller of Examination Building of Main Administrative Building under Kalyani University. (iii) 24 bedded Hybrid Critical Care Unit (8 CCU and 16 HDU) at Main Building of Ranaghat Sub Divisional Hospital.

North 24

Parganas:

(i) Development of Kachua and Chakla Loknath Ashram, (ii) Construction of G+3 storied building for NTS, Ashokenagar State General Hospital, (iii) Construction of G+3 storied Building of Chittaranjan Colony Hindu Vidyapith for Girls (H.S.) at Baguiati.

Paschim

Bardhaman:

- (i) Construction of Youth Hostel at Asansol,
- (ii) Construction of Four Storied 100 Bedded Girls' Hostel at Durgapur Government College,
- (iii) Construction of New CMOH Office Building of Asansol District Hospital.

Paschim

Medinipur:

- (i) Development of Gangani Tourism Project in Garbeta-I Block,
- (ii) Construction of New Administrative Building to the Office of the DLO, Paschim Medinipur,
- (iii) Construction of Sub-Divisional Court Building at Kharagpur.

Purba

Bardhaman:

- (i) Construction of Block Live Stock Development Office (BLDO) cum Block Animal Health Centre (BAHC) with Training Centre and Guest Room at Galsi-II Block,
- (ii) Construction of 5000 M.T Paddy Godown at Monteswar,
- (iii) Construction of two storied BLDO cum BAHC with Training Centre and Guest Room at Purbasthali-II Block.

Purba

Medinipur:

- (i) Construction of BLDO cum BAHC with Training Centre & Guest Room at Talgachhari, Ramnagar- I,
- (ii) Construction of a new Two Pump Fire Station at Panskura,
- (iii) Construction of 20 Bedded Covid Ward at Ramchandrapur Block Primary Health Centre.

Purulia:

- (i) Repair and Renovation of New and Old Court Building including electrical works at Raghunathpur Sub-Divisional Court Campus,
- (ii) Repair and Renovation of 3(three) quarters for ACJM, JM and Civil Judge at Raghunathpur Sub-Divisional Court Campus.

South 24

Parganas :

(i) Construction of Two storied Building for Law Clerks and Bar Association at Diamond Harbour, (ii) Construction of 20 Bedded Covid Wards at Gosaba BPHC, at Madhabnagar Rural Hospital (RH), at Dakshin Jagadishpur BPHC, Joynagar RH, Byanjanheria Charial BPHC and Jirangacha RH.

Uttar

Dinajpur:

(i) Construction of Model School at Islampur, (ii) New construction and repairing work of Raiganj I.T.I. at Karnajora, (iii) Construction of 20 Bedded COVID ward with ancillary works at Dalua Rural Hospital under Chopra Block and at Chakulia Rural Hospital under Goalpokhar - II Block.

15. Major projects taken up in 2022-2023 up to 15/02/2023 are stated below:

- 15.1** Widening to 2-lane with paved shoulder and strengthening of Contai - Belda Road from 1.687 km to 33.40 km in the district of Purba Medinipur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.179.34 Crore.
- 15.2** Widening to 2-lane with paved shoulder and strengthening of Kuli – Burwan - Gramsalika – Majlishpur - Ramjibanpur Road from 0.00 kmp to 28.55 km in the district of Murshidabad. Administratively approved amount: Rs.121.19 Crore.
- 15.3** Strengthening of Pangarh – Illambazar - Dubrajpur Road from 0.00 kmp to 48.80 km in the two connecting districts of Paschim Bardhaman and Birbhum. Administratively approved amount: Rs.106.55 Crore.

- 15.4** Widening to 2-lane with paved shoulder and strengthening of Barakar - Purulia Road from 33.50 km to 72.962 km (Raghunathpur to Purulia) in the district of Purulia. Administratively approved amount: Rs.101.79 Crore.
- 15.5** Widening to 2-lane with paved shoulder and strengthening of Contai - Belda Road from 35.00 kmp to 56.16 km in the district of Paschim Medinipur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.101.14 Crore.
- 15.6** Widening to 2-lane with paved shoulder and strengthening of Khirpai - Ramjibanpur Road from 0.00 kmp to 18.00 kmp & Ramjibanpur Bye Pass Road from 0.00 kmp to 2.60 km in the district of Paschim Medinipur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.85.77 Crore.
- 15.7** Widening to 2-lane with paved shoulder and strengthening of Ramjibanpur - Palita - Palitpur - Natunhat Road from 100.00 kmp to 125.07 km in the district of Purba Bardhaman. Administratively approved amount: Rs.67.28 Crore.
- 15.8** Widening and strengthening of Manbazar - Bandwan - Kuilapal Road from 0.00 kmp to 22.00 kmp in the district of Purulia. Administratively approved amount: Rs.62.87 Crore.
- 15.9** Strengthening of Chandrakona - Ghatal Road from 0.00 kmp to 17.855 km in the district of Paschim Medinipur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.56.42 Crore.
- 15.10** Widening and strengthening of Bamongola - Habibpur Road from 6.00 kmp to 21.28 km and Bulbulchandi - Habibpur Road from 0.00 kmp to 7.20 km in the district of Malda, Administratively approved amount: Rs.48.49 Crore.

- 15.11** Strengthening of Rasulpur – Khandaghosh - Chakpurohit Road from 0.00 kmp to 25.50 km in the district of Purba Bardhaman. Administratively approved amount: Rs.41.71 Crore.
- 15.12** Strengthening of Kalitala - Dhuribazar Road from 0.00 kmp to 24.09 km in the district of South 24 Parganas. Administratively approved amount: Rs.37.20 Crore.
- 15.13** Strengthening of Tufanganj - Kamakhyaguri Road from 0.00 kmp to 17.92 km in the district of Coochbehar. Administratively approved amount: Rs.35.20 Crore.
- 15.14** Widening and strengthening of Dahijuri – Binpur – Silda - Hatiary Road from 0.00 kmp to 8.00 kmp & from 12.75 km to 23.00 kmp in the district of Jhargram. Administratively approved amount: Rs.25.39 Crore.
- 15.15** Construction of Bridge over Hurhura Khal at Kulia in the district of Howrah. Administratively approved amount: Rs.24.87 Crore.
- 15.16** Construction of Foot over Bridge and a Concrete Bridge over Bagjola Khal on Dum Dum Road in the district of North 24 Parganas. Administratively approved amount: Rs.23.59 Crore.
- 15.17** Strengthening of Chhatna - Dalpur - Bishpuria Road from 0.00 kmp to 17.10 km in the district of Bankura. Administratively approved amount: Rs.23.15 Crore.
- 15.18** Widening and strengthening of Keshiary - Kulboni Road from 0.00 kmp to 14.30 km in the district of Jhargram. Administratively approved amount: Rs.22.12 Crore.
- 15.19** Widening and strengthening of Chunakhali - Jalangi Road from 29.00 kmp to 41.00 kmp in the district of Murshidabad. Administratively approved amount: Rs.19.88 Crore.

- 15.20** Strengthening from 0.00 kmp to 7.00 kmp & surfacing from 7.00 kmp to 11.00 kmp of Matigara - Kurseong Road and strengthening of link Road to NH-31 (Old Matigara Road) from 0.00 kmp to 1.20 km in the district of Darjeeling. Administratively approved amount: Rs.18.40 Crore.
- 15.21** Widening & strengthening of Botolbari - Rudel Road from 0.00 kmp to 17.00 kmp, in the district of Uttar Dinajpur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.16.97 Crore.
- 15.22** Widening and strengthening of Shibnibash - Bajitpur Road from 0.00 kmp to 9.30 km in the district of Nadia, Administratively approved amount: Rs.15.97 Crore.
- 15.23** Widening and strengthening of Thikra - Mirgoda Road from 0.00 kmp to 13.25 km in the district of Purba Medinipur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.15.13 Crore.
- 15.24** Strengthening from 0.00 kmp to 7.00 kmp and widening & strengthening from 7.00 kmp to 12.90 km of Rampurhat - Ayas Road in the district of Birbhum. Administratively approved amount: Rs.12.67 Crore.
- 15.25** Strengthening of Rampurhat - Parulia Road from 0.00 kmp to 14.00 kmp in the district of Birbhum. Administratively approved amount: Rs.12.12 Crore.
- 15.26** Strengthening to Mandalghat Road from Jalpaiguri - Haldibari Link Road from 0.00 kmp to 11.40 km in the district of Jalpaiguri. Administratively approved amount: Rs.11.04 Crore.
- 15.27** Strengthening of Chakdah - Nimtala Road from 9.20 km to 17.00 kmp in the district of Nadia. Administratively approved amount: Rs.10.47 Crore.

- 15.28 Strengthening of 12th Mile to Nimbong Fatak Road from 9.20 km to 23.10 km in the district of Kalimpong. Administratively approved amount: Rs.9.30 Crore.
- 15.29 Strengthening of Moydah – Khakurdaha - Beliachandi Road from 0.00 kmp to 8.00 kmp in the district of South 24 Pargans. Administratively approved amount: Rs.9.04 Crore.
- 15.30 Construction of Bridge over river Nuni at Sitladanga in replacement of the existing damaged narrow bridge in the district of Paschim Bardhaman. Administratively approved amount: Rs.8.60 Crore.
- 15.31 Improvement of Rongtong - Maldiram Road via Shivakhola from 17.10 km to 24.00 kmp in the district of Darjeeling. Administratively approved amount: Rs.8.54 Crore.
- 15.32 Construction of Bridge in replacement of the existing narrow bridge over river Nuni on Chandmari Ground Road in the district of Paschim Bardhaman. Administratively approved amount: Rs.7.47 Crore.
- 15.33 Construction of Bridge over river Bania on Sonapur - Hasimara Road via Chilapota Forest at 20 km in replacement of narrow weak wooden bridge (balance work) in the district of Alipurduar. Administratively approved amount: Rs.6.76 Crore.
- 15.34 Widening and strengthening of Kishanganj - Dinajpur Road from 12.20 km to 15.20 km in the district of Uttar Dinajpur. Administratively approved amount: Rs.6.01 Crore.
- 15.35 Construction of Bridge over river Baromasia at 4th km of Ratua - Bhaluka Bazar Road in the district of Malda. Administratively approved amount: Rs.5.12 Crore.

16. During the last 10 years development of Roads and Bridges for the Infrastructure Development of the State and utilization of funds.

	Completed Road length by way of widening & strengthening/ strengthening/ surfacing work (in KM)	Construction/ Reconstruction of Bridge&ROB (in Nos.)	Original Budget provision for Capital nature of works (Rs. in Crore)	Expenditure made for execution of Capital nature of works (Rs. in Crore)
2012-13	1481	19	1184.06	1457.77
2013-14	2061	15	1365.07	1688.30
2014-15	2227	13	1776.51	2137.69
2015-16	2453	19	2199.00	3435.38
2016-17	2627	18	2618.11	2767.20
2017-18	1821	40	2953.14	3608.49
2018-19	2658	21	3800.00	4702.07
2019-20	3489	31	4080.00	5132.61
2020-21	2220	16	4400.00	3550.04
2021-22	2217	24	4752.00	4427.88
Total	23254 km	216Nos	29127.89 Crore	32907.43 Crore

17. National Highways

17.1 There are 33 nos. of National Highways in the State of West Bengal with a total length of 3,574 km. The National Highways (NH) wing of this department executes the widening, improvement and maintenance works on 23 nos. of NHs with a total length of 1,632 km. At present, work is going on for 178 km of NHs.

17.2 Total 20 nos. of Road Over Bridge (ROB) projects under Setu-Bharatam scheme have been sanctioned for execution by PIU-ROB of NH wing. Out of those, 4 projects have already been completed, 9 projects are in progress, 2 projects will be awarded shortly and tenders will be invited for the remaining 5 projects.

17.3 National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and National Highway Infrastructure Development

Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) execute the works related to widening, improvement and maintenance of 1,850 km and 92 km of National Highways respectively in the State where this department closely monitors the projects and time to time holds coordination meetings with the stakeholders and the district administrations to resolve the issues or bottlenecks in order to expedite the construction works for early completion.

18. Apart from above, the Public Works Department is also executing various roads, bridges, buildings and other projects of other departments of the State Government.

19. Conclusion

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

Allow me to apprise this August House that this Department is firmly committed to the goal of achieving overall progress through rapid up-gradation and expansion of infrastructure, despite hurdles.

Finally through you, Sir, I appeal to all the Hon'ble Members to help us in our endeavor and effort to realize the aspiration of the people of our State. With these words Sir, I request the House to accept the demand amounting to **Rs. 7665,84,55,000/- (Rupees Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five Crore Eighty Four Lakh and Fifty Five Thousand)** only.
