



Problems and Prospects of Transport and Communication in Bankura District

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Travel is a mode of spatial interaction encompassing the movement of the people from one place to another, thus forming a system of organization in which tourism has a distinct place. In this context, transport and communication are considered as an integral part making the tourist's travel possible. As stated by Robinson, "transport has been at once a cause and an effect of the growth of tourism: improved transport facilities have stimulated tourism; the expansion of tourism has stimulated transport". Therefore, the relationship between the transport and tourism could be easily expressed in the frame of reciprocity, as they are inseparable; it has been rather expressed that "the transport is to tourism what veins and arteries are to body system". To emphasize, it is noteworthy that "tourism is about being everywhere and a major component of any tourist activity must necessarily be an element of transportation.

Problem of transport in Bankura District :

- i) There is no Railway Communication from Bishnupur to Arambag via Kotulpur.
- ii) Scarcity of enough Govt. Bus services at different routes in Bankura District.
- iii) There is not enough ferry services in Bankura District.
- iv) Lack of Mettalled Road.
- v) Lack of sufficient bridges over the rivers.
- vi) Lack of small vehicles in cord routes which joins the main routes/ tours .

A general data relating to transport and communication in Bankura Tourism has been given below :

Media of Transport

Private Bus	51.51%
Government Bus	12.31%
Rent Car	8.79%
Private Car	10.70%
Others	13.09%

Relating to Profession a data also has been given below

Executive Person	6.10%
Students	49.50%
Businessman	10.43%
Service holder	8.57%
Others	24.62%

Roads

Road Infrastructure in Bankura District :

As the economy of Bankura district is still character agrarian in character and the settlement pattern scattered and rural oriented, the network of roads and bridges constitute a critical role with regard to transportation of essential goods and services. The existing road transportation system connects different parts of the district with Kolkata and other important towns.

It is phenomenal that if a region is roadway connected with its each settlement then 30 percent development occurs automatically as per the need and culture. Since this district is a continuation of the chhotonagpur Plateau, as a result the availability of raw materials and the characteristic of soil are favourable for road construction works.

Railway system is also good. The district is mainly by the South Eastern railway. The existing railway tracks passing through the district have a connectivity to the important places like Kolkata, Asansol, Kharagpur, Ranchi, Tatanagar, Dhanbad etc.

1. Bankura Highway Division is one of oldest divisions of the PW (Roads) Directorate, West Bengal for public providing various mode of work such as construction and maintenance of roads, major and minor bridges, culverts since the year of 1959. So many roads and bridges have been constructed and developed and are now performing as important connectivity within the district.

2. The divisional office is located at Nutanchati of Bankura Town beside Saradamani Girl's College.

3. The total length of road under the jurisdiction of this division is 637.604 Km. category of roads varies from state highway to village road. The details are given below:

State Highway	73.90 Km.
Major District Road	NIL
Other District Road	484.304 Km.
Village Road	79.400 Km.
	637.604 Km.

Out of this 355.195 km. is of single lane (2.44m, 3.05m or 3.80m) width, 282.409 km. is of intermediate lane (5.50m) width

It is worthy to mention that a length of 132 km. of the above stretches is within the Jungle mahal (under block Sarenga, Ranibandh, Raipur, Simlalpal).

4. There are 17 (seventeen) bridges over 30m. Span located on different roads under this division.

Prospects of Transport and Communication in Bankura District :

Future prospects of Transport and Communication of Bankura are :

- i) Development of Railway.
- ii) Construction of Bridges in the River side.
- iii) Mettalled Road will be formed.
- iv) Increases of Roads and vehicles.
- v) New airport may be constructed.

Communication

Communication is in no way less important than the transport network for the tourism infrastructure. Means of communication are of primary service to the tourists. By this very media they can know in detail about the destination. Their first imagination develops through this and they are able to give final shape to their planning on the basis of the available tourist services about which they are acquainted through the means of communication. Communication is one of the important sources by which the potentialities, richness and vividness of a destination can easily be brought to attention of the people here and elsewhere and specially to the tourists.

The tourists could be kept well informed within a very short time about the new facilities and amenities added or replaced at a particular destination and thus the tourists may be able to change their schedule accordingly. Not only this, if a very efficient communication system can be developed, a tourist can contact directly the desired person and then undoubtedly he may prolong his stay at that destination provided other facilities satisfy him. The more developed the communication network in a region, the more favourable will be the condition for the growth of tourism. Modern means of communication such as efficient post and telegraph, telephone, wireless system, books and magazine, cinema, feature films are the moulding instruments of a tourist industry. This town has developed a network of modern means of communication except the television. The site for the television centre has been proposed near cantonment and is expected to be completed in the near future.

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