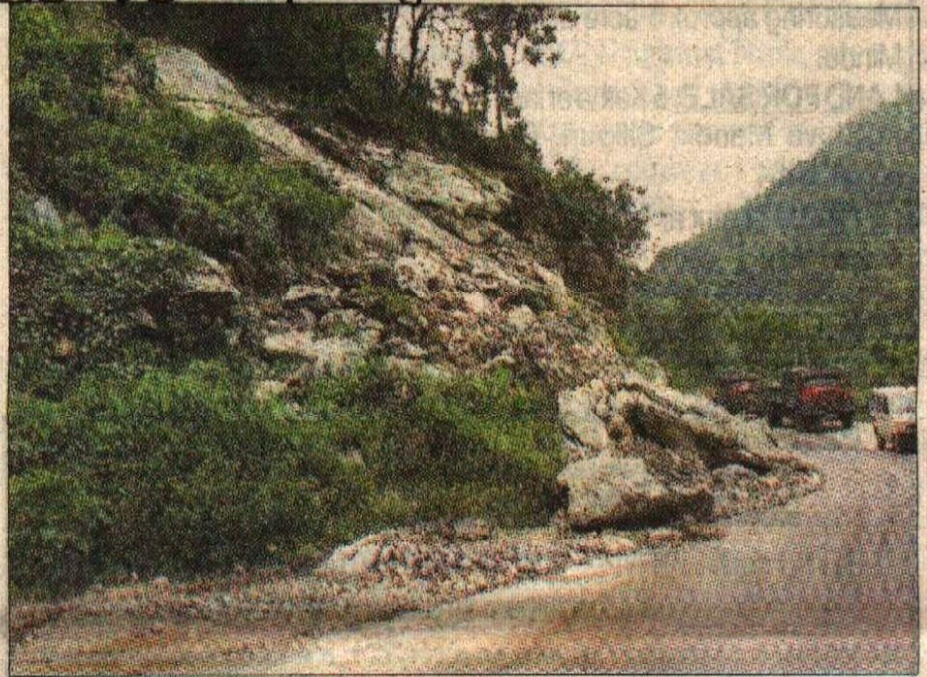


Rangpo-Singtam stretch of NH10 in dire need of repairs

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RANGPO, July 4: The dilapidated condition of the Rangpo-Singtam stretch of NH10 at several places has made travel along the road nightmarish for both local commuters and tourists visiting the State. The 12-kilometre stretch starting from the border town of Rangpo has also posed serious threats due to several water filled potholes and mudslides depositing debris on the roadside. The condition is likely to dent the image of the State with a large number of tourists and other visitors using the road to travel to capital Gangtok and other places. The road is also important for the dozens of industrial units set up along the Rangpo-Singtam belt and two educational institutions of repute situated along the



highway.

Asked on the issue, Rangpo SDM P.K. Rai and SHO Keshang Bhutia maintained that the national agency NHIDCL has been entrusted with the task of maintaining the highway. They added that the NHIDCL has been urged to the repair and maintain the road several times. With no visible maintenance work taking place, the residents and road users have started questioning the commitment and efficiency of the national agency in maintaining the highway.

