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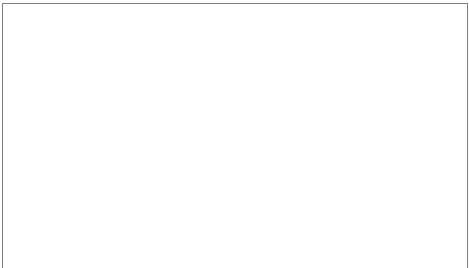
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1. The road which connects Asenovgrad and Kurdzhali was completed two years ago and runs through Tsurven (N 41-57, E 24-57), Topolovo (N 41-54, E 25-00), and Kumoniga (N 41-48, E 25-14). The road branches off from the Khaskovo-Kurdzhali road about 21.7 kilometers from Kurdzhali. From this crossing the distance to Asenovgrad is about 64 kilometers. This makes Asenovgrad about 85.7 kilometers from Kurdzhali and 104 kilometers from Plovdiv.
2. The road, which is in good condition, is six meters wide and pebbled. There are no tunnels on it. There is only one small concrete bridge on the road, which passes very close to ravines. The road is surrounded by mountains, especially the Topolovo-Pchelarovo (N 41-46, E 25-20) section, which has few inhabited places. The road is well planned with relatively light inclines. Among western countries this road would be considered a tourist road because it offers magnificent views, especially of the Rhodope Mountains. It is almost certain that this road was built for strategic purposes in order to link Plovdiv and Asenovgrad with Kurdzhali by a shorter route. (See sketches on page 2.)

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