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Title: Regarding repair and development of National Highways in Odisha.

**SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK):** Progress of work of several stretches of National Highways in Odisha which has been entrusted to NHAI for up-gradation to four-lane standard under NHDP Phase-III is very slow due to inadequate allocation of funds. Besides, maintenance work of NH in Odisha has been affected due to lack of funds. As all expenditure relating to development and maintenance of National Highways is provided by the MORD & Highways, the quality of NH has deteriorated substantially. Even bridges over river Mahanadi near Cuttack have become vulnerable.

I would urge upon the Government to provide adequate funds for repair, maintenance and development of National Highways with timely allocation of funds.