

Title: Regarding condition of NH-19- Laid

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH (AURANGABAD): I will like to draw the attention of the House towards the abominable state of NH-19. NH-19 is one of the busiest highways in India as it connects Delhi with Kolkata. The good condition of this highway is a pre-requisite for maximizing economic and social benefits. However, NH-19 is in a bad state of affairs. The stretch between Varanasi and Dhanbad is especially, full of big potholes. This leads to long traffic snarls. Also, a lot of overloaded trucks ply on this route. Although, restricting the plying of overloaded trucks is a state subject, but the Ministry could issue guidelines to States to restrict these trucks as NHs are managed by the Central Government. Further, most of the lanes in the toll gates on this highway are non-functional leading to traffic jams. There is a need to penalize the toll operators who are not efficiently running these toll gates.