

Seventeenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Request to expand the existing underpass bridges in Badrak-Balasore NH-16 Highways for the public convenience.

SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL (BHADRAK): Hon. Speaker Sir, I am very much thankful to you for giving me this opportunity to speak in this august House. Sir, in my constituency, Bhadrak, six lane expansion of NH-5 (New NH-16) from Chandikhole-Bhadrak and Bhadrak-Balasore is going on. The following places highly require flyover bridges, underpasses and vehicular passes for traffic and public thoroughfare. Expansion of the existing underpass bridges on four-lane road near Charampa, Ranital, Markona, Soro, Bahanaga, Barikpur Chhak and Chatabar entrance to the railway Stations is required. These bridges are narrow and of low height. Regular public agitation and dharna are going on for the expansion of the existing bridges. At present, the expansion work has been stopped due to public agitation. I would request you that these existing underpass bridges should be expanded to a higher level in the greater interest of the public. Sir, through you, I again request the hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways to look into the matter and resolve the above issues at the earliest.