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Title: need to open NH-4A Highway connecting south Bidar, Karnataka

SHRI FRANCISCO SARDINHA (SOUTH GOA): Sir, through you, I would like to bring to the notice of the hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways that Goa is connected to Karnataka through South Bidar. NH-4A which connects Goa to Karnataka is closed for the last five to six months. This has put all the people in the hinterland of Goa into difficulty. Not only Goa, people from Anmod, a village in Karnataka, and other places in Karnataka are also put into difficulty. Students of the schools and colleges situated in places like Ramanagara, the interior Karnataka, also face the same difficulty. Earlier, places like Colem and Molem were totally dependent on mining. Now, mining has been closed. They now depend only on tourism. They are living from hand-to-mouth because tourists are also not coming there as the Highway that connects these places has been closed.

I would request the hon. Minister to see that this Highway is immediately opened. It should be opened as early as possible so that the hardships of the people are minimised.