

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding completion of Construction work of NH No.65 connecting Hyderabad and Vijayawada

SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY (BHONGIR): Sir, I would like to bring to your kind notice that NH No.65, which connects the two most important cities of Hyderabad in Telangana and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh, has heavy vehicular traffic. There was a commitment to improve the road and rail connectivity between the two cities under Andhra Pradesh State Reorganisation Act, 2014.

The Government has already taken up the work of 6/8-laning of the 40 km of the highway on Hyderabad side. However, no work has been taken up on the balance stretch of over 200 km of the highway that is operated and maintained by two Concessionaires under NHAI. The capacity of the 4-lane highway (60,000 PCU) has already exceeded by almost 50 per cent length. The 6-laning is to be carried out by the Concessionaire and hence no funding is required by the Government or the NHAI. There have been many accidents resulting in loss of life at many junctions and there are eight identified black spots. There is a huge resentment in local public due to congestion and frequent accidents.

I request the hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways, to take up this matter on top priority.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Shrimati Kanimozhi Karunanidhi - Not present.