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Title : Need to take concrete steps to avert frequently occurring accidents on Navale Bridge, Narhe, Pune

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE (BARAMATI): I want to raise the matter regarding frequently happening horrendous accidents on Navale Bridge in Pune's Narhe, which in 2021 alone took 17 lives and seriously injured 24 persons. On November 21st, the series of accidents continued because a truck allegedly lost control and hit 30-40 vehicles, causing a large pile up of damaged vehicles on the road. The Bridge has become a black spot for accidents due to the combination of steep inclines and turns and downward slopes which should be reduced as a first measure to check accidents. I have time and again raised the issue to make a service road at accident spot but it has not been done yet. Also, in order to ensure that people follow traffic rules, sufficient presence of police along the highway is needed. Although, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Police and Municipal Corporation have taken some steps in the past, they have not yielded satisfactory results, implying that a thorough research has to be done by Government to understand the chronology of the accidents and technical aspects to it. Hereby, I request the Minister of Road Transport and Highways to look into the matter and take concrete steps to save innocent lives.