

## **Regarding six laning of Ichapur-Tangi section of NH-16 in Odisha-laid**

**SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU (BERHAMPUR):** National Highway 16 is a major National Highway in India. Its northern terminal starts near Kolkata and the southern terminal is at Chennai. It is a part of the Golden Quadrilateral project to connect India's major cities. The highway directly connects West Bengal and Southern States to Odisha. Odisha is an Indian State situated in the eastern part of India, Odisha also has a 500 km long coastline along with the Bay of Bengal. The route of NH 16 passes through important cities viz. Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Khordha, Tangi, Balugaon, Chatrapur and Brahmapur. The major geographical attractions along the way to NH 16 would be the Sabamarekha River and Chillika Lake. Ichapur - Tangi Section is presently four lane and is a part of NH16 that lies in Odisha. It covers a distance of about 140 km from Ichapur to Tangi and the traffic volume is very high as it passes through the cities of Khordha and Balugaon. In view of high volume of traffic, I request the Hon'ble Minister to sanction upgradation of Ichapur - Tangi Section of NH 16 to Six lane as it will give great relief to large number of commuters of the states.