

## **Regarding National Highway in Dhenkanal**

**SHRI MAHESH SAHOO (DHENKANAL):** I am thankful to the Chairman for giving me this opportunity to mention about a major issue in my constituency Dhenkanal. It is regarding the National Highway No 55 from Cuttack to Mayurbhanj which has become a virtual deathtrap. Many people are dying due to accidents in this area. There has been multiple discussions between ministers in this regard. At the behest of my senior leader Sri Bhatruhari Mahtab, we met Nitin Gadkari ji and held many such meetings to deliberate on this issue. It has been five years since this work started but till date there is very little progress. There seems no possibility of its completion by 2024. All of us know it is like a lifeline passing through Cuttack and acts as a primary route between coastal and western Odisha. But the basic question remains that the constituency that generates 1 lakh crore revenue for the State even with guarantee by Modi ji is still in Limbo! I am hopeful this Government will definitely take concrete steps in this direction. Jai jaganatha, vande utkal janani.