

Title : Regarding resumption and completion of NH-67 from Karnataka-Andhra border to Gooty section

SHRI G. LAKSHMINARAYANA (ANANTAPUR): I thank the Chairperson for allowing me to speak here for the first time. I thank our leader and Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Nara Lokesh and Nandamuri Balakrishna for giving me an opportunity to become an MP.

I also thank the people of my constituency for electing me as an MP by giving a thumping majority in the elections. I would like to raise the following matter.*

Madam, I wish to raise an urgent issue in this august House regarding resumption and completion of NH-67 from Karnataka-Andhra Border to Gooty Section. The upgradation of NH-67 from the Karnataka-Andhra Border to Gooty section, sanctioned under NHDP-IV with an investment of Rs. 995.09 crores, has faced severe delays. Originally scheduled for completion by October 2018, the project has been stalled for over one and a half years, impacting road safety and regional development. The incomplete section, particularly between Guntakal and Gooty, is plagued with potholes, unmarked debris and inadequate drainage. These hazardous conditions have led to frequent accidents, including fatalities and have severely disrupted daily commutes. The ongoing delays are not only compromising safety, but are also impeding economic growth in the region.

There is one more proposal pending regarding upgradation of the existing State Highway road from Yemmiganur on NH-167 at km 94/400 connecting Yemmiganur, Pattikonda, Uravakonda, Kalyandurg, Pavagada and terminating at its junction with NH 544 E near Madakasira at km 60/200 in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The proposal for upgradation of the NH submitted to the MoRT&H, New Delhi on 21.6.2022. The length included 69.237 kms in Kurnool district.

There is one more proposal pending for upgradation of existing State Highway 410 Bellary- Bommanahal - N. Gundlapalli via Veparalla road from km 14.640 to km 52.673 in the State of Andhra Pradesh and MDR from km 2.550 to km 14.640 in the State of Karnataka. The proposal dated 24.4.2022 was submitted to the Principal Secretary to the Government of India, MoRT&H.

The timely completion of these projects is crucial for meeting the infrastructure needs and improving connectivity in the region. Our people's lives, safety, and economic well-being depend on it. Let us not fail them. Let us act with urgency and responsibility which this situation demands.