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Title: Need to provide financial assistance to the Government of Orissa for upgradation of Angul – Tikarpara road in Orissa- Laid.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO (DHENKANAL) : Angul-Tikarpara road in Orissa which is 47.5 km. in length is an important State road of economic importance connecting Tikarpara, an important tourist spot of river Mahanadi, the epicentre of the unique ecosystem and biosphere reserve, the Mahanadi Gorge Sanctuary containing the UNIEP Gharial Crocodile breeding centre with Angul, district headquarter on National Highway 42, containing Mahanadi Coal Field, NALCO, NTPC, Super Thermal Power Plant, BHEL and Heavy Water Plants spread all around.

The economy of the people of these areas depends on this road for marketing their produce in the form of agriculture, marine and handicrafts product as well as attracting large number of domestic and foreign tourists.

Therefore, I request the Government that this crucial road of economic importance should be developed immediately as an all weather upgraded communication system by generous funding from the Government of India as well as external funding, if need be.