

Title: Need to declare road between Takikere and Satyamangala in Karnataka as national highway.

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA (HASSAN): Sir, I am glad that the Centre has cleared the upgradation of Tumkur-Honnavaara road *via* Arasikere and Beerur as a national highway. An amount of Rs. 60 crore has already been sanctioned for this purpose. But, Sir, with a view to reap the maximum benefit of this route, another very important road between Satyamangala and Tarikere *via* Chikkamagalur, Belur, Holenarasipura, Hassan, Honnavara, K.R. Nagara, Belikere, Mysore must be cleared by the Centre and it should be upgraded as a national highway without any further loss of time. In fact, this is a very long pending genuine demand of the people of Karnataka.

There are agitations in the State about the inordinate delay in this matter. This highway would link the Capital City Bangalore to Seaport, Honnavara and many important cities and towns in the southern part of India. This would give a great impetus to the industrial growth in Southern India. Transportation and in fact, the economy in this part of the country would get a big boost. The people of Karnataka have been awaiting for this upgradation for the last two decades.

I, therefore, urge upon the hon. Union Transport Minister to make this dream of the people of Karnataka a reality with immediate effect.