

**Title:** Need for construction of two- lane by-pass highway between Byndoor and Kasargod in Karnataka-Laid.

SHRI VINAY KUMAR SORAKE (UDUPI) : Udupi Constituency in Dakshin Kannada region of Karnataka has a well-knit and efficiently-run private transport system linking remote rural areas with urban terminals. Most of the road links in the constituency, including stretches of NH-17 are in a bad condition. With the onset of monsoon, pot-holes appear causing water-logging and premature wear of the road surface. A proposal is on for making the NH-17 a four-lane carriage-way at an enormous cost of Rs.350 crore. With the proverbial funds crunch, I would urge that a few stretches of utmost priority be taken up immediately.

A new 2-lane bypass highway from Byndoor to Kasargod, with excellent road surface, running parallel to NH-17, thereby decongesting the traffic in NH-17, be taken up at a much cheaper cost. This road will serve as a bypass to NH-17. Further it is also necessary to improve approach roads connecting interiors to NH-17.