Title: Need to construct a bridge over Krishna river at Maddimadugu in Andhra Pradesh. -Laid.

\*DR. MANDA JAGANNATH (NAGAR KURNOOL): At present, the link between Mehboob Nagar and Guntur districts is maintained by road, going through Deverkond, Mallepalli, Nagarjuna Sagar and Macherla. It is a very lengthy road as far as the distance is concerned because there is no bridge over Krishna river other than Nagarjuna Sagar Dam. If the road bridge is constructed over Krishna river at Maddimadugu of Achampeta Assembly Constituency on the left Bank of the Krishna river to the Macherla Assembly Constituency at right bank, it will reduce the distance between Mehboob Nagar and Guntur districts by more than 100 kms. This will not only save the time of the people by a few hours of avoidable journey but also precious diesel and petrol which we import.

Also we can save foreign exchange. Apart from time, a lot of wear and tear of the vehicles will also be saved. This bridge will cut short the connecting distance among the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

Hence, I request the Minister of Surface Transport, through, Sir, to take up the survey work immediately, for constructing a bridge over Krishna river at Maddimadugu in public interest.

\*(Laid on the table of the House)