

**Title:** Need to extend National Highway-214 from Pamarru to Ongole in Andhra Pradesh- Laid.

PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU (TENALI) : It is a long felt desire of the coastal districts in Andhra Pradesh to have a Coastal National Highway from Tada to Ichapuram. As a part of it a new National Highway NH-214 taking diversion from National Highway NH-5 at Kathipudi and formed upto Pamarru and connected to NH-9. To have full utilization of NH-214 already formed from Kathipudi to Pamarru, there is an immediate need to extend further from Pamarru to Ongole via Challpalli, Puligadda in Krishna District and Penumudi, Repalle, Bapatla, Chirala and Ongole to join NH-5, Penumudi-Puligadda Bridge across Krishna River form part of extended NH-214 from Pamarru to Ongole.

This extension of NH-214 will shorten the distance of about 80 kilometers between Kolkata and Chennai resulting in huge savings in fuel consumption and also relieving the traffic pressure on NH-5. Further, it will also facilitate the improvement of coastal economy since shrimp cultivation is sizeable in the coastal districts and the transportation of shrimp and other products to both Chennai and Visakhapatnam Ports will be easy and thereby earn foreign exchange. I request that the extension of NH-214 from Pamarru to Ongole including the Penumudi-Puligadda Bridge across Krishna River may kindly be taken up early.