

Title: Need to take up four laning of Surathkal to Kundapura Section on National Highway No-17 in Karnataka for economic development of the area – Laid.

SHRI VINAY KUMAR SORAKE (UDUPI): National Highway – 17 serves coastal Karnataka especially my constituency UDUPI. But presently the two-lane facility on this NH is unable to cope up with increase in traffic density which has crossed the 30,00 PCU mark on traffic control points from Surathkal to Kundapura via Udupi. According to Indian Roads Congress Codes Highways with 20,000 PCU density traffic should be upgraded into four-lane highways. Thus the entire stretch from Surathkal to Kundapura on NH 17 qualifies to be upgraded into four-lane highway.

Since the necessary land acquisition process on Surathkal-Udupi section of NH-17 is already over, I would urge the Centre to take up this section for four-laning during the current year.

The Udupi-Kundapura section can be taken up for four-laning during the coming year (2004-05). The commissioning of this section of NH-17 (from Surathkal to Kundapura) will speed up the all-round economic development of this region.