

>Title: Need to ensure that National Highway-214 passes through from Kattipudy to Ongole via Machilipatnam and Penumudi, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI A. BRAHMANAIAH (MACHILIPATNAM): For the last 50 years, the people of coastal Andhra Pradesh have dreamt of a Coastal National Highway. The National Highways Authority of India has planned such a coastal highway called National Highway-214 which starts at Kattipudy and touches Narasapuram and terminates at Ongole – NH-5 *via* Machilipatnam. But it is surprising to note that the original route of NH-214 was diverted which is detrimental to the interests of coastal area people. The diverted new route has 178 kilometres excess distance than the original route *via* Machilipatnam.

For the last three months people from various sections are agitating and hunger strikes are going on with people demanding that the original route *via* Machilipatnam and construction of bridge on Krishna River between Puligadda and Penumudi may be provided.

Hence I request that the Central Government should intervene and see that NH-214 should go through the original route, *i.e.*, from Kattipudy to Ongole NH-5 *via* Machilipatnam and Penumudi.